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William Joyce, center, with the "Toothiana" sculpture at CALF 2014

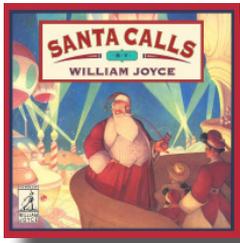
Storybook Sculpture Project

Downtown Abilene



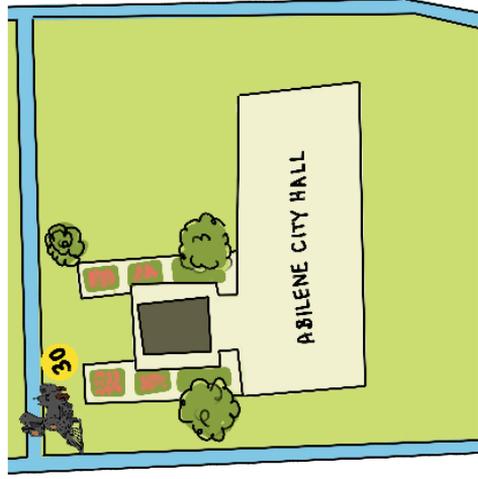
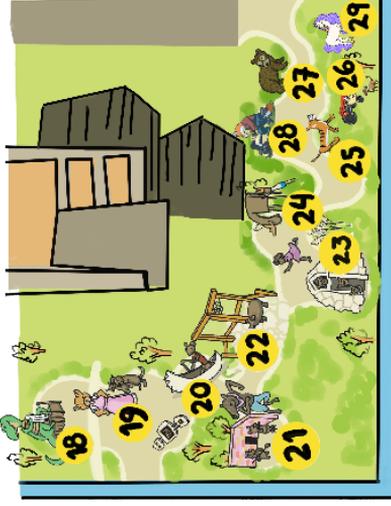
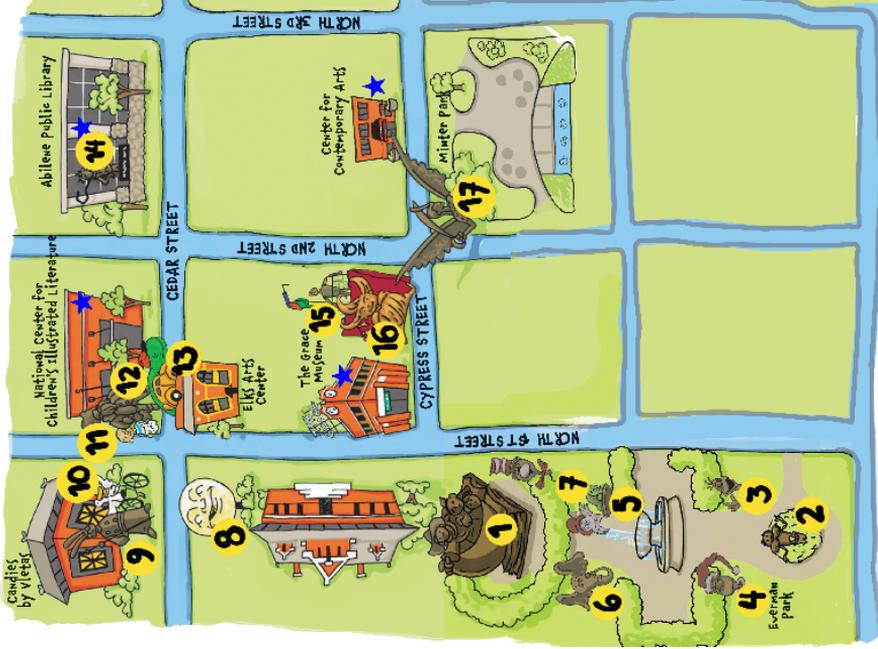
The Abilene Cultural Affairs Council commissioned the first storybook sculpture in 1996. "Childhood's Great Adventure" is based on the William Joyce book "Santa Calls," which was set in Abilene, Texas. Joyce was the inspiration behind the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. More sculptures followed over the years.

Today, Abilene is home to the largest collection of public storybook sculptures in the U.S., if not the world. New sculptures are added each year during the Children's Art + Literacy Festival. The mission of the Storybook Sculpture Project is to create 3D art that brings children's literature to life.



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□ **Childhood's Great Adventure**

Installed: 1996

Book: "Santa Calls"

Author/illustrator:

William Joyce

Sculptor and Bronze

Casting: Rick Jackson

Santa Claus mysteriously summons three children to visit him at the North Pole by sending them a flying machine they call the Yuletide Flyer.



□ **Dino Bob**

Installed: 2000

Book: "Dinosaur Bob and His Adventures with the Family Lazardo"

Author/illustrator:

William Joyce

Sculptor: Bob "Daddy-O"

Wade

Dinosaur Bob plays with an orange Volkswagen in this sculpture created for the 20th annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.



□ **Seymour**

Installed: 2013

Books: "Can You See What I See?" series

Author/Illustrator:

Walter Wick

Sculptor: Randy Gilman

Bronze casting:
Geoff Broderick

Look for Seymour, the little toy man made of colorful beads! He hides amongst the objects assembled in search-and-find stories.



Dr. Seuss Sculpture



□ The Lorax

Installed: 2013

Book: "The Lorax"

The Lorax speaks for the trees and warns of the dangers of disrespecting the environment.



□ Yertle the Turtle

Installed: 2013

Book: "Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories"

Yertle the Turtle, the king of the pond, stands on his subjects in an attempt to reach higher than the moon.



□ The Grinch

Installed: 2013

Book: "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"

A cold, heartless green recluse, The Grinch tries to sabotage Christmas in Whoville.



LOCATION: Everman Park

SCULPTOR: Leo Rijn

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Dr. Theodore Seuss Geisel

□ **Green Eggs and Ham**

Installed: 2013

Book: "Green Eggs and Ham"

Sam I Am says try green eggs and ham! In a boat or with a goat, here or there or anywhere!



□ **Horton Hears a Who**

Installed: 2013

Book: "Horton Hears a Who"

When Horton the elephant hears a small speck talking to him, he vows to protect it because "a person's a person, no matter how small."



□ **Cat in the Hat**

Installed: 2012

Book: "The Cat in the Hat"

The Cat in the Hat turns a boring rainy day into unexpected fun with the help of Thing 1 and Thing 2.



Guardians of Childhood S

AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR: William Joyce



□ **Man in the Moon**

Installed: 2014

Book: "The Man in the Moon"

Sculptor: Pedro Rivera

A little boy becomes the Tsar Lunar, the first Guardian of Childhood. He watches over the dreams of the children of Earth. The sculpture was inspired by an earlier Joyce book, "The Leaf Men and the Brave Good Bugs."

□ **E. Aster Bunnymund**

Installed: 2014

Book: "E. Aster Bunnymund and the Warrior Eggs at the Earth's Core!"

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Schaefer Art Bronze

A philosophical warrior rabbit skilled in martial arts, he is also a chocolatier and the Guardian of Hope known as the Easter Bunny.

□ **Nicholas St. North**

Installed: 2014

Book: "Nicholas St. North and the Battle of the Nightmare King"

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Shidoni Foundry

Before he was Santa Claus, he was a daredevil named Nicholas St. North. Now he is the Guardian of Wonder.



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□ Jack Frost

Installed: 2014

Book: "Jack Frost"

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Geoff Broderick

Able to manipulate snow and ice, Jack Frost is the Guardian of Fun. He helps the other Guardians battle Pitch, the Nightmare King.



□ Sanderson Mansnoozie

Installed: 2014

Book: "The Sandman: The Story of Sanderson Mansnoozie"

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Geoff Broderick

This former captain of a shooting star is the Sandman, Guardian of Dreams.



□ Toothiana

Installed: 2014

Book: "Toothiana: Queen of the Tooth Fairy Armies"

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Geoff Broderick

All those teeth she collects? They contain memories. The forgotten memories of childhood ... including the memories of how to fly. She is the Guardian of Memories.





□ **Duck on a Bike**

Installed: 2015

Book: "Duck on a Bike"

Author/illustrator:

David Shannon

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting: Geoff Broderick

Duck gets the wild idea he can ride a bike. Soon, the other animals want to ride bikes, too!

Adamson-Spalding

Storybook C



□ **The Three Little Kittens**

Installed: 2017

Book: "Three Bedtime Stories"

Author: Golden Books

Illustrator: Garth Williams

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Mama Cat is not happy when her kittens lose their mittens. Unless they find their mittens, they shall have no pie!

Bronze casting:

Schaefer Art Bronze



□ **Good Night Dinosaur**

Installed: 2016

Book: "How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?"

Author: Jane Yolen

Illustrator: Mark Teague

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Schaefer Art Bronze

Dinosaur doesn't throw his teddy bear about when it's time to turn the lights out. He tucks in his tail and whispers, "Good night!"

□ **No, David! and Fergus**

Installed: 2015

Book: "David Gets in Trouble"

Author/illustrator:

David Shannon

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting: Geoff Broderick

Everywhere David goes, he gets in trouble. Now he is eating Fergus' dog treats. No, David!



Storybook Garden

LOCATION:
Abilene Convention Center



□ **Stuart Little**

Installed: 2017

Book: "Stuart Little"

Author: E.B. White

Illustrator: Garth Williams

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Geoff Broderick

Adventure follows this mouse wherever he goes, from sailing a boat in Central Park to saving a friend from Snowball the cat.



□ **The Three Little Pigs**

Installed: 2017

Book: "Three Bedtime Stories"

Author: Golden Books

Illustrator: Garth Williams

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Geoff Broderick

Three little pigs with three different houses all encounter one big, bad wolf!



Adamson-Spalding



□ **Charlotte & Wilbur**

Installed: 2017

Book: "Charlotte's Web"

Author: E.B. White

Illustrator: Garth Williams

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Geoff Broderick

Charlotte weaves astonishing words into her spider's web to save her best friend, a pig named Wilbur.



□ **The Three Bears**

Installed: 2017

Book: "Three Bedtime Stories"

Author: Golden Books

Illustrator: Garth Williams

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Schaefer Art Bronze

Three bears return home to find someone sat in their chairs, tasted their porridge and laid in their beds and that someone is Goldilocks!



□ **Marcel & Wilfred**

Installed: 2018

Book: "This Moose Belongs to Me"

Author/illustrator:

Oliver Jeffers

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Schaefer Art Bronze

Marcel has trouble following Wilfred's rules, such as going where the boy wants to go. Perhaps Marcel doesn't quite realize that he belongs to Wilfred.



Storybook Garden

LOCATION:
Abilene Convention Center

□ Mr. Tiger

Installed: 2019
Book: "Mr. Tiger Goes Wild"
Author/Illustrator:
Peter Brown
Sculptor: Steve Neves
Bronze casting:
Schaefer Art Bronze

Mr. Tiger gets bored with being proper all the time and decides to go wild ... but does he go too far?



□ Otis the Tractor and Calf

Installed: 2021
Book: "Otis"
Author/Illustrator: Loren Long
Sculptor: Steve Neves
Bronze casting:
Schaefer Art Bronze

When a big new tractor arrives and Otis is cast away behind the barn, who will save Calf when he gets stuck in the mud?



□ Winnie

Installed: 2022
Book: "Finding Winnie"
Author: Lindsay Mattick
Illustrator: Sophie Blackall
Sculptor: Steve Neves
Bronze casting:
Schaefer Art Bronze

Before she was Winnie the Pooh, Winnie was a real black bear adopted by a World War I veterinarian. At the London Zoo, she meets Christopher Robin.





□ **Evan and His Friend**

Installed: 2023

Book: "The Rough Patch"

Author/illustrator: Brian Lies

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Schaefer Art Bronze

Evan the fox and his dog are best friends who do everything together. When the unthinkable happens, a garden and a new friend help Evan through his rough patch.



□ **Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn and Unicorn**

Installed: 2024

Book: "Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn"

Author/illustrator: LeUyen Pham

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Schaefer Art Bronze

A delightful story that celebrates the magic of friendship.

Abilene City Hall

LOCATION:

555 Walnut St.



□ **Locomotive**

Installed: 2023

Book: "Locomotive"

Author/illustrator: Brian Floca

Sculptor: Steve Neves

Bronze casting:

Schaefer Art Bronze

"Locomotive" follows family as they ride a transcontinental train in the summer of 1869.

Storybook Sculpture Hunt



1

Download the free GooseChase app for Android and Iphone.



2

Sign up and select a user name. Team members can download the app on their own phones but must use the same user name for log in.

3

Join the game by searching for Storybook Sculpture Scavenger hunt.

4

Complete as many missions as possible by submitting creative photos within the app.

5

Do not climb on the small sculptures to take photos.

6

Earn a Storybook Capital button for completing the missions! Pick up your button at the T&P Depot, 1101 N. 1st St. Open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and until 12 p.m. on Friday

App Sponsor:



Seymour Passport

Inspired by Walter Wick's
"Can You See What I See?" Book Series



Pick up your free passport at the T&P Depot or the locations listed below and start finding Seymour! He is hidden in six locations around downtown Abilene and in the gift shop at the Abilene Zoo. Once you find him, have your passport stamped and receive a special sticker. No admission is charged to find Seymour. The Seymour Passport Project was introduced at the 2013 Children's Art + Literacy Festival. Find Seymour at:

- Abilene Zoo
- Center for Contemporary Arts
- Abilene Public Library
- Frontier Texas!
- The Grace Museum
- National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature



Abilene Storybook Experience App

How to Play!

- Download the free app for iPhone or Android
- Follow the map to find animated Storybook Sculptures, Storybook Quote Games and Character Buttons
- Collect them all virtually on your phone and take your photo with them!

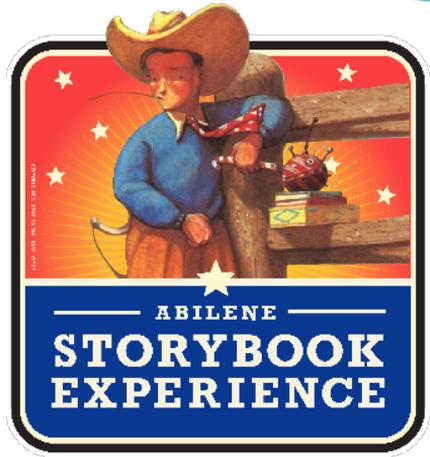
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What you'll find!

Look for Storybook Sculptures in AR and nearly 80 limestone benches with Storybook Quotes as you play the **Abilene Storybook Experience app**. Fill in the missing words in the quotes to virtually collect all the book covers!



Abilene Storybook Experience App made possible by generous donors and the TCA



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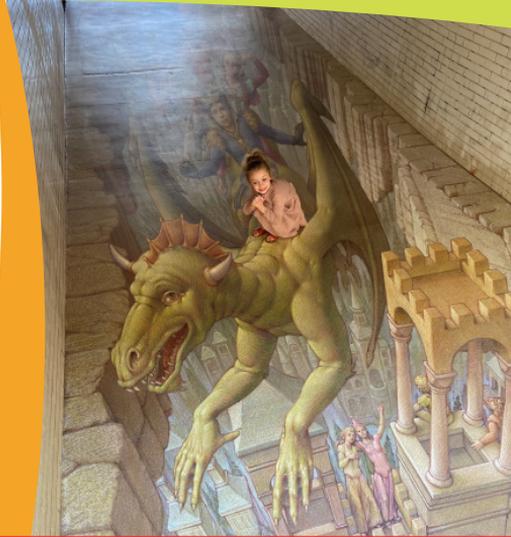
LOCATION:
1101 N. 1st St.
Pedestrian Tunnel

3D Dragon Mural

Flight of the Dragon

Installed: 2021

Pose on artist Kurt Wenner's 3-Dimensional "Flight of the Dragon" mural and it will appear that you are standing on a castle or sitting on the dragon's neck as it flies over a city! Located on the floor of the pedestrian tunnel behind the T&P Depot in Everman Park.



Abilene Zoo

LOCATION:
2070 Zoo Lane

Art at the Zoo

The Abilene Zoo is home to nearly 130 animal species and a place to experience art and entertainment. Climb and draw on the Madagascar Chameleon Sculpture by Steve Neves, listen to Abilene Philharmonic zoo concerts, and enjoy art made from storm damaged ash trees by a chainsaw artist.



Live Children's Theater



Children's Performing Arts Series

Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St.
www.cpasabilene.org

Live professional theater presented by national touring companies for Abilene's youngest audiences!

Each year, CPAS brings a new season that includes a combination of theater productions highlighting literature, music, STEAM and much more! Tickets are \$10 for single shows or packages that start at \$30. Tickets on sale now!

2024-25 SEASON



NOV 3, 2024 FEB 2, 2025 APRIL 13, 2025

The "2024-25 SEASON" banner is set against a background of a theater stage with red curtains. Below the banner are three posters. The first poster, for "Rumpelstiltskin", shows a group of children and a man in a green suit. The second poster, for "DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS! THE MUSICAL!", features a blue pigeon puppet. The third poster, for "Frog and Toad A Year Later", shows two cartoon frogs, one green and one brown, in a grassy field. The dates "NOV 3, 2024", "FEB 2, 2025", and "APRIL 13, 2025" are printed below each respective poster.

Young Audiences of Abilene

Every summer, Young Audiences partners with the downtown Abilene Public Library for a series of children's programs.



Young
Audiences
Arts for
Learning

Abilene

All performances are FREE! Show times are 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

McMurry Theatre Presents: "The Just So Stories"

June 25, 2024

Five of Rudyard Kipling's "Just So Stories" are included in this funny play. This includes "How the Camel Got His Hump," "How the Rhinoceros Got His Skin" and "How the Elephant Got His Trunk." The tales are brought to vivid life by Kipling's young daughter and a group of new friends.

Animal Adventures with Margaret Clauder

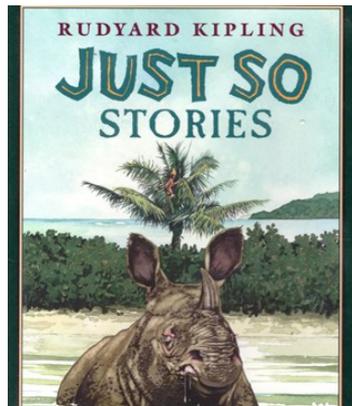
July 9, 2024

Margaret Clauder, aka Masai Maggie, is a storyteller, puppeteer and ventriloquist who will thrill audiences with her antics and silly puppets. Children will learn about endangered species and the difference between nocturnal and diurnal animals.

African Safari with Elizabeth Kahura

July 16, 2024

Explore African rhythms through drumming, dance and song. Experience the African beat by playing a variety of instruments and learn how music is a form of communication. Creativity and imagination comes to life through this journey of sound and reminds us that music is a universal language.



Free Family Entertainment

ArtWalk

Second Thursday each month
5-8 p.m. Hosted by the Center for
Contemporary Arts
www.center-arts.com

Monthly downtown festival with free
museum entrance, art activities, live music
and performances, food trucks and more.

Abilene Public Library

Main Library, 202 Cedar St.
South Branch, Mall of Abilene
Mockingbird Branch,
1326 N. Mockingbird Ln.
www.abilenetx.gov/apl

Baby Steps (Ages 0-1)
Play & Learn (Ages 1-3)
Wiggles & Giggles (Ages 2-3)
Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-6)
Big Kid Storytime (Ages 3-6)
Super Storytime (All ages)
Stories in the Park (All ages)
Make & Take (All ages)
STEM programs (All ages)



All events are free!



More Children's Activities



The Grace Museum

102 Cypress St.
325.673.4587
www.thegracemuseum.org

Spark is a fully interactive and creative space on the second floor. Children and adults can explore 30 plus hands-on activity stations designed to inspire and expand knowledge of art and local history. There are wide open areas as well as cozy nooks to draw, build, paint, act, dance and make music.

Visitors can also enjoy problem-solving games and art activities in the Create Lab. This area offers children a separate space to get creative using various art mediums and a selection of projects. Thursday nights are free!



Paramount Theatre

352 Cypress St.
ParamountAbilene.com

This historic 1930 theater is an entertainment showcase for West Texas featuring family entertainment year-round, including movies, live theater, ballet, opera and concerts.

See website calendar for full schedule.



National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature

LOCATION:
102 Cedar St.



Current Exhibit

LeUyen Pham

June 13 - Sept. 13, 2024

Upcoming Exhibits

Rafael Lopez

Fall 2024

Dan Santat

Summer 2025

For more than 25 years, the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL) has collaborated with award-winning illustrators to produce exhibitions of their artwork that are distinctive, appealing to museum visitors of all ages and are of the highest quality. Museum admission is free!

Following its debut at the NCCIL gallery, exhibitions travel to museums, public libraries and galleries nationwide. The NCCIL's mission is to exhibit, tour, collect, preserve and promote original art from the finest children's literature. The NCCIL offers opportunities to meet visiting artists, free Saturday family art activities, monthly art adventure for pre-schoolers, school tours, workshops and book signings. The museum gift shop is stocked with books signed by artists who have exhibited at the NCCIL.

Contact:

325.673.4586

www.nccil.org

Hours:

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Tuesday - Saturday



Children's Art + Literacy Festival (CALF)



**CHILDREN'S
ART + LITERACY
FESTIVAL**

**CALF 2025
FEATURED
ILLUSTRATOR**
Dan Santat
JUNE 12-15, 2025



The four-day festival kicks off Thursday afternoon with the free Storybook Parade, Storybook Sculpture unveiling, Garden Party and Sketch with the Artist event. Register for Friday and Saturday and wear your festival pass and collect CALF buttons as you listen to dramatic readings, enjoy live performances featuring a balloon artist, marionettes, puppets, comedians, musicians and more. Art activities offered after each reading. Wear your CALF pass Sunday and get into the Abilene Zoo for free!

Extras you can add on to your registration: Workshops, Storybook Characters Breakfast, Young Audiences Enchanted Eatery, Cookie Decorating, and cool merchandise! Every CALF is a new experience and you will want to make this a yearly tradition! www.abilenecalf.com





Start Planning Your Storybook Adventure Now!

In Abilene, characters from your
favorite children's books come to life.



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