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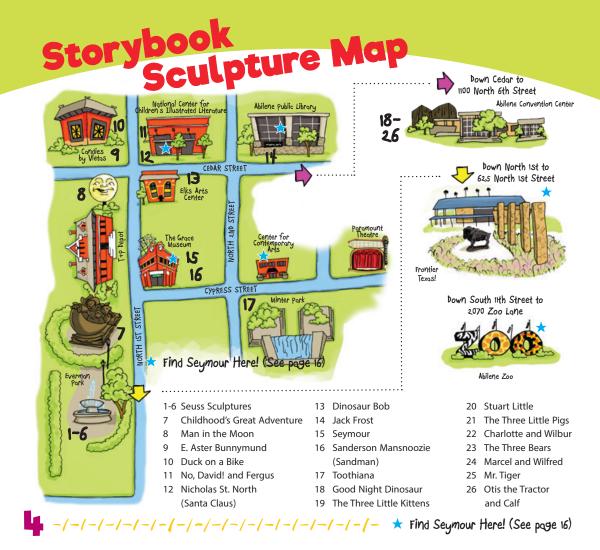
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William Joyce, center with Toothiana"sculpture at CALF 2014

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 public collection of storybook sculptures in the U.S. 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.







Childhood's Great Adventure

Installed: 1996 Book: "Santa Calls" Author/illustrator: William Joyce Sculptor: 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 searchand-find stories.

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Dr. Seuss Sculptu

The Lorax Installed: 2013

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

Yertle the Turtle

Installed: 2013

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

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

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

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

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



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.

E. Aster Bunnymund

Installed: 2014

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

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

Nicholas St. North

Installed: 2014

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

Before he was Santa Claus, he was a daredevil named Nicholas St. North. Now he is one of the Guardians of Childhood.

Sculptures AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: William Joyce



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.

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Duck on a Bike

Installed: 2015 Book: "Duck on a Bike" Author/illustrator: David Shannon Sculptor: Steve Neves Bronze casting: Geoff Broderick

One day on the farm, Duck gets the wild idea he can ride a bike. Soon, the other animals want to ride, too!

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 seems to get in trouble. Now he is eating Fergus' dog treats! No, David!

Good Night Dinosaur

Installed: 2016 Book: "How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?" Author: Jane Yolen Illustrator: Mark Teague Sculptor: Steve Neves

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!"



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LOCATION: Abilene Convention Center

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 three little kittens lose their mittens. Unless they find their mittens, they shall have no pie!

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!

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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

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

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

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LOCATION: Abilene Convention Center



Mr. Tiger

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

Mr. Tiger gets bored with being proper all the time and decides to loosen up. When his friends are not supportive, he runs away to be wild.

Otis the Tractor and Calf

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

Otis is a special tractor who loves his farm and farmer. He especially loves the little calf in the next stall. He even purs the calf to sleep with this soft motor. The two become friends and play together. Then a big new tractor comes to the farm and Otis is cast away behind the barn. When the calf gets stuck in the mud, can Otis save the day?



Begin Your Abilene Art Adventure

The Abilene Cultural Affairs Council has four unique ways to explore the Storybook Capital of America®



Embossed Rubbing Activity

Place the foil over the medallion. Press gently and steadily with your palm.







Go from bench to bench to create your own unique embossing (rubbing) art series comprised of images from illustrations by past artists exhibiting at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. Purchase your Art Adventure Embossing Kit from the NCCIL or Abilene Convention & Visitors Bureau. Some of the rubbings will only show partially. Use your imagination to complete the rubbing.

Bench Sponsors:

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Here's what you do:



Download the free app Storybook Sculpture Audio Tour for iPhone.



Stand within a few feet of the sculptures in the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden.

Special thanks to Rebecca + Eric Armstrong



The app will recognize that you are near the sculptures.



The app will allow you to play a 2-minute reading from the book associated with the sculpture as well as offer details about the sculpture and book.

3) Seymour Passport

Pick up your free passport and start finding Seymour! He is hidden in six locations around downtown Abilene and in the gift shop of 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 started with the 2013 Children's Art & Literacy Festival, which celebrated the work of artist Walter Wick. Seymour is a toy man hidden in the pages of Wick's "Can You See What I See?" book series. Seymour, and his passport, can be found at the Abilene Zoo, Abilene Public Library, Center for Contemporary Arts, Frontier Texas!, The Grace Museum and the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature.

Storybook Sculpture Hunt



Here's what you do:



Download the free GooseChase app for Android or iPhone.

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.



Join the game by searching for Storybook Sculpture Scavenger Hunt.



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



Do not climb on the sculptures to take photos.



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. \neg 5 p.m. weekdays.

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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!

CPAS has announced a new season that includes a combination of at-home streaming shows, openair performances and traditional theater productions. Tickets are \$10 for single shows or packages that start at \$30. Tickets on sale now!



Young Audiences of Abilene

Young Audiences of Abilene provides live performance demonstrations, residencies and workshops at schools in music, dance, visual and theatre arts to thousands of young people each year. Every summer, Young Audiences partners with the downtown Abilene Public Library for a series of children's programs. This year's theme is "Tails & Tales." All performances are FREE! Show times are 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. Young Audiences Arts for Learning Abilene

Margaret Clauder Presents

June 22, 2021

All MCP programs use arts in education to stimulate young audience's minds to hear, see, and REMEMBER information - all done in a creative way!

Nancy & Her Friends

July 6, 2021

Ventriloquist Nancy Burks Worcester is an entertaining performer with an inspirational message and ability to capture the attention of audiences of any age.

Mark Shelton

July 20, 2021

The warmth and humor of Mark Shelton combined with his percussion prowess creates a family-friendly concert experience that connects with audiences.







Free Family Entertainment

ArtWalk

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

Mini downtown festival with free museum entrance, art activities, entertainment, food trucks and more. Each month is a different theme.

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) Lapsits (Ages 1-2) Play & Learn (Ages 1-3) Toddler Time (Ages 2-3) Evening Storytime (Ages 2-6) Preschool Storytime (Alges 3-6) Music and Movement (All ages) Super Storytime (All ages) Stories & More (All ages) Family Fun (All ages) Stories in the Park (All ages) Make & Take (All ages) STEM programs (All ages) Robotic Programming (Teens)





More Children's Activities

The Grace Museum

102 Cypress St. 32.5.673.4587

www.thegracemuseum.org

Spark is a newly renovated, fully interactive space at The Grace Museum on the second floor. Children and adults are invited to explore over 30 new exhibits created to expand your 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.

Museum visitors can also enjoy problem-solving games and art activities in the Create Lab. This area offers families with children a separate space to get creative using various art mediums and a selection of projects with self-guided instructions.



Paramount Productions & Movies

Historic Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St. Paramountabilene.com



YOUNG PERFORMERS'

This live production on the Paramount stage is a one-hour

adaptation of Frank Baum's

classic tale, specially designed for young performers with the

music you love, lush costumes and sets. This production is fun

January 14-16, 2022

for the whole family!

EDITION

THE WIZARD OF OZ -

Family Film Series

Showtimes at 2pm All Tickets \$2

INSIDE OUT May 31

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THE IRON GIANT July 31

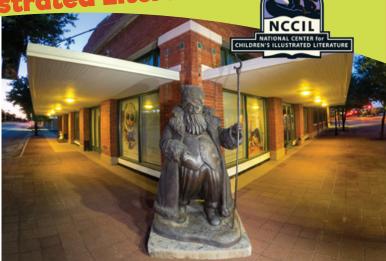
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National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature

102 Cedar St. 325.673.4586 www.nccil.org Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday

> Current Exhibit Loren Long Jun. 10 - Sep. 26, 2021

Upcoming Exhibit Sophie Blackall Summer 2022



For more than 20 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. In addition to this unique artistic partnership, following its debut at the NCCIL gallery, each exhibition travels to museums, public libraries and galleries nationwide. The mission of the NCCIL is to exhibit, tour, collect, preserve and promote original art from the finest children's literature. For the local community, the NCCIL offers opportunities to meet visiting artists, free Saturday family art activities, Monthly Art Adventure for pre-schoolers, exhibition tours for students, workshops and book signings. The museum also has a bookstore stocked with books signed by artists who have exhibited at the NCCIL.



Children's Art & Literacy Festival



The 2022 Children's Art & Literacy Festival will celebrate the work of Sophie Blackall, an illustrator of more than 30 children's books and two-time Caldecott Medal winner for her books "Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear" and "Hello Lighthouse."

The festival celebrates the work of the summer artist on exhibit at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. The two-and-a-half day festival kicks off to the public Thursday night with the Storybook Parade, Storybook Sculpture unveiling, Garden Party and Artist Talk. All events Thursday night are free. On Friday and Saturday, a pass is required to attend events that include dramatic readings with costumed characters, art activities, the Abilene Philharmonic Instrument Petting Zoo, May Farm Petting Zoo, balloon sculpture and more! See the festival website for a full schedule of events. Registration opens in February.





Start Planning Your Storybook Adventure Now!

In Abilene, characters from your favorite children's books come to life. While exploring our historic downtown...

• Take your picture with the largest collection of storybook sculptures in America.

- See original artwork from best-selling children's book illustrators.
 - Watch live children's theater from professional artists.
 - Create your own art. Write your own stories.

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