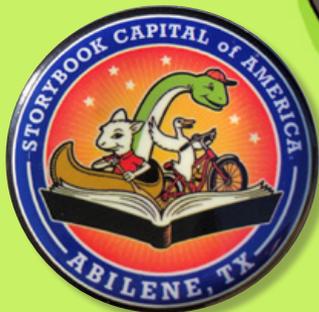


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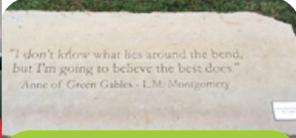
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William Joyce, center, with Toothiana sculpture at CALF 2014

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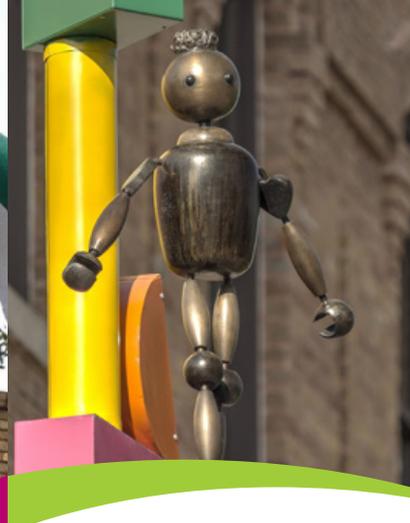
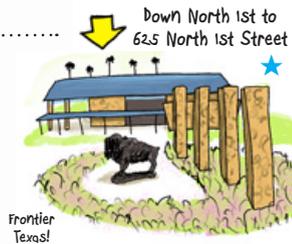
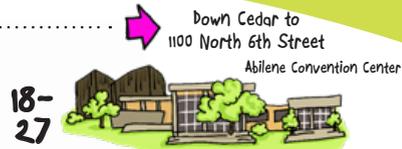
The Abilene Cultural Affairs Council commissioned the first storybook sculpture in 1996. "Childhood's Great Adventure" is based on the William Joyce book "Santa Calls," which was set in Abilene, Texas. Joyce was the inspiration behind the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. More sculptures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



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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 Lizardo"
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 Sculptures

LOCATION: Everman Park
SCULPTOR: Leo Riijn
AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Dr. Theodore Seuss Geisel



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.



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

Installed: 2012

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 Sculptures

AUTHOR/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.

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.

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.

Begin Your Abilene Art Adventure

From the Abilene Cultural District downtown to the Abilene Zoo, there are many ways to explore the Storybook Capital of America®

Follow the Art Adventure Trail!

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.



Here's what you do:

- 1 Download the free app Storybook Sculpture Audio Tour for iPhone.
- 2 Stand within a few feet of the sculptures in the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden.
- 3 The app will recognize that you are near the sculptures.
- 4 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.

Special thanks to Rebecca + Eric Armstrong



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:

- 1 Download the free GooseChase app for Android or 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 sculptures to take photos.
- 6 Earn a Storybook Capital button for completing the missions! Pick up your button at the T+P Depot, 1101 IV. 1st St. Open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

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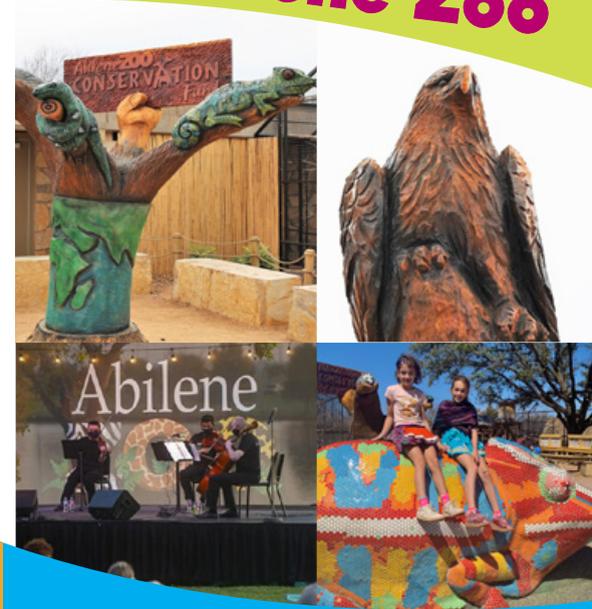


3D Dragon Mural



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.

Art at the Abilene 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 storm damaged ash trees that were transformed 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!

CPAS has announced a new season that includes a combination of at-home streaming shows, open-air 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 Arts for Learning 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 "Oceans of Possibilities." All performances are FREE! Show times are 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Charlotte's Web

June 21, 2022

Presented by McMurry Theatre, relive the heartwarming tale told in the E.B. White classic book about a pig named Wilbur and the unlikely friendship with a barn spider that saves his life.

Wild Boars Cook

July 12, 2022

Gary Varner and ACU Theatre bring to life the Meg Rosoff book illustrated by Sophie Blackall about smelly and rude wild boars that team up to cook up something revolting and hilarious!

Oceans of Fun

July 18, 2022

Margaret Clauder presents Oceans of Fun with puppet friend, Elmer, who takes an ocean adventure with his Frist Mate Maggie the sailor.



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)
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)
Historias en Espanol y Ingles (Anos 3-6)
Dungeons and Dragons Club (Teens)



All Events Are Free!

More Children's Activities



The Grace Museum

102 Cypress St.

325.673.1587

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



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.

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FREE!

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

Current Exhibit
Sophie Blackall
Jun. 9 - Sep. 26, 2022

Upcoming Exhibit
Brian Lies
Summer 2023



For 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. 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 (CALF)



June 8-10, 2023
www.abilenecalf.com

FEATURED ILLUSTRATOR
CALF 2023: Brian Lies



The three-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, have fun at live performances featuring a balloon artist, marionettes, puppets, comedians, musicians and more. Free art activities after each reading. The Abilene Philharmonic Instrument Petting Zoo offers hands-on experiences. Extras you can add on to your registration: Workshops, Storybook Characters Breakfast, Young Audiences Enchanted Eatery and cool merchandise!

See the festival website for a full schedule of events. Registration opens in February. Every CALF is a new experience and you will want to make this a yearly tradition!



Start Planning Your Storybook Adventure Now!

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

- 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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