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Upcoming Events

Social Hour and Lecture Featuring
Pam Muñoz Ryan,
author of "**Esperanza Rising**"
and other books.

Sept. 26

Latino Arts. Inc. • 1028 S. 9th Street

Social hour and lunch: noon

Talk: 1:30

Book signing: 2:30

Cost: \$8.00

Call: **(414) 384-3100**

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To Friends of

THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

a letter from the Director



sponsored by the School of Education

Fall, 2003

Dear Friends of the Center for Children's Literature:

It has been too long since you've received one of these newsletters, but in that time we've been very busy with our public programming, welcoming nationally known children's authors and illustrators to Milwaukee.

John Stewig, Director,
Center for Children's Literature

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

In June 2001, the center hosted Professor **Gretta Berghammer** from the Theatre Department, University of Northern Iowa, speaking on dramatizing children's books to the nearly 20 in attendance.

In July, the center co-sponsored (with Professor Sandra Pucci) a presentation by Professor **Cecilia Beuchat**, from the Education Faculty of the Catholic University of Santiago, Chile, on Latin American children's literature. More than 60 people attended.

In September, we welcomed 81 guests to a celebration of the writing of Cedarburg author **Barbara Joose**, co-sponsored with the Special Collections department of the Golda Meir library. The exhibit, curated by **Max Yela**, department head, later traveled to the San Francisco and the New York City Public libraries.

In October, we sponsored a session by **Stuart Murphy**, a nationally known author of more than 40 picture books which teach math concepts. Thirty-one attended, with a smaller number choosing to lunch with the author.

In April 2002, we co-hosted an appearance by fantasy writer **Franny Billingsley** with the Muskego Public Library. Billingsley spoke to more than 50 people about her work. In the audience were members of the library's teen reading club.



Author Franny Billingsley



Life-size and small versions of Curious George paid a visit to the exhibit.

In September and October

we hosted, with the Golda Meir library, a major traveling exhibit on the **Curious George** books, from the deGrummond Collection of the University of Southern Mississippi Library. The six public events related to the exhibit included a speech by **Anita Silvey**, formerly editor-in-chief of children's books at Houghton Mifflin, publisher of the books. The Curious George books are among the most popular ever published for children.



Jules Feiffer shows children how he develops a book.

In April 2003, we hosted **Jules Feiffer**, New Yorker

cartoonist and more recently author/illustrator of nine books for children. Feiffer spoke at an event opening an exhibition of more than 100 original pieces of his artwork. UWM's Golda Meir Library co-sponsored this exhibit. Feiffer's appearance and lecture attracted 102 people. **Prescott Wurlitzer**, member of our External Advisory Board, made all arrangements for the exhibit, which remained open until the end of June.

The Center and other sponsors also held a number of presentations related to the exhibit. Journal/Sentinel cartoonist **Stuart Carlson** gave a talk and demonstration on editorial cartooning. Docents offered guided tours of the exhibit to seven groups, totaling more than 200 people. In June, 78 students attended a series of cartoon workshops held around the city as part of the Feiffer celebration.

SPREADING THE WORD

To continue publicizing the center, I spoke in May of 2001 to 14 members of the **Milwaukee County Federated Youth Services** group, and gave a Center tour. In October 2002 I did a session on recent children's books for the 15 attendees of our session at the UWM Alumni College.

Two other projects occupied varying amounts of time and were completed in 2001. With the help of **DJ Himes** of the Curriculum Department, we produced a 14-minute video presentation about the Center's holdings and services. This is available to promote the Center to UWM students and to community groups.

Ellie Gore, one of our board members, saw through to completion the successful printing of poster copies of the original painting for a children's book, now hanging in the center. We give the print as a premium for renewing or new Friends, and sell copies to raise money for the center.

GIFTS

Despite challenging economic times, publishers remain generous in their contributions to the center. In 2001 we received 2563 new books, with a value of \$32,578. In 2002, 2471 books were received, for a value of \$36,322. We continue to be very appreciative of the generosity of the many publishers who help keep the center collection current.

If you would like a copy of this newsletter sent to someone, please call **Professor Stewig** at (414) 229-5246 with the information, or write him at **UWM School of Education, Center for Children's Literature, P.O. Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201**.