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William Joyce,
center, with
Toothiana* sculpture
at CALF 2014

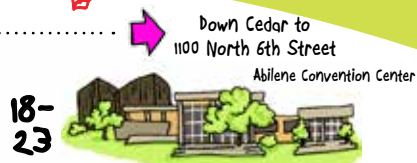
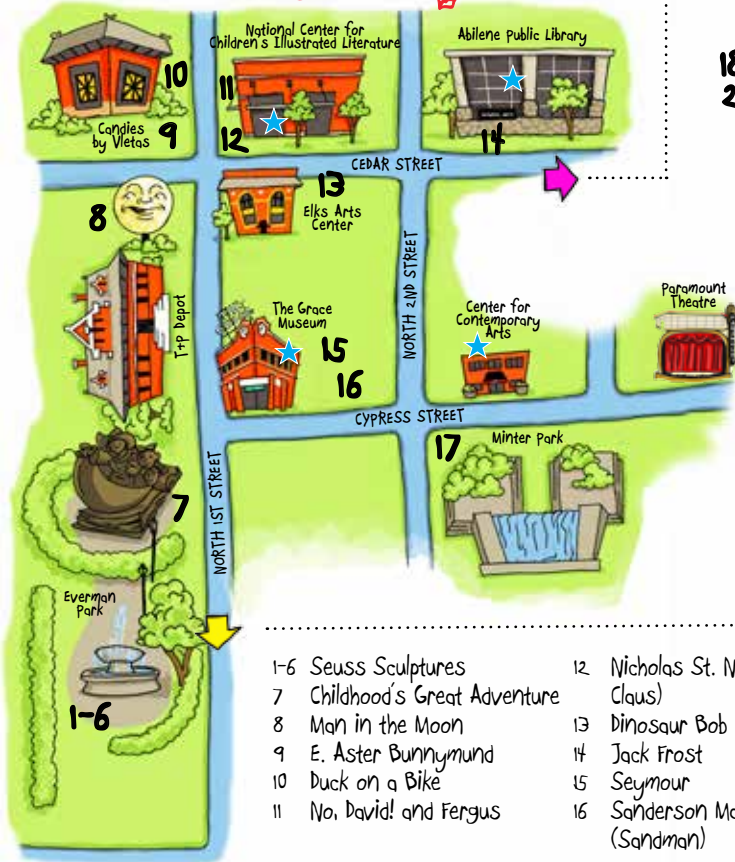
Storybook Sculpture Project

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 characters are added each year during the Children's Art + Literacy Festival.



Storybook Sculpture Map



Down South 11th Street to
2070 Zoo Lane



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Childhood's Great Adventure

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

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

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 Sculptu



The Lorax

2013

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



Yertle the Turtle

2013

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



The Grinch

2013

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

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LOCATION: Everman Park

SCULPTOR: Leo Rijn

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR: Dr. Theodore Seuss Geisel



Green Eggs and Ham

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

2013

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



Cat in the Hat

2012

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



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Guardians of Childhood



Man in the Moon

2014

Book: "The Man in the Moon"

Sculptor: Pedro Rivera

A little boy becomes the Tsar Lunan, the first Guardian of Childhood. He watches over the dreams of the children of Earth.



E. Aster Bunny-mund

2014

Book: "E. Aster Bunny-mund 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

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

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

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

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

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

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!

Adamson=Sp Sto



Good Night Dinosaur

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!"

Adding Storybook Garden

LOCATION: Abilene Convention Center

The garden will open to the public June 8, 2017



The Three Little Kittens

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

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

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!



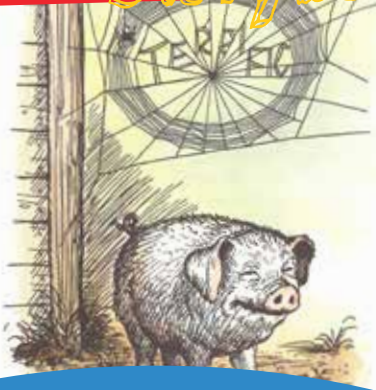
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Adamson=Spalding Storybook Garden

LOCATION: Abilene Convention Center

The garden will open to the public June 8, 2017



Charlotte & Wilbur

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

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!





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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.



Seymour Passport Project

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 N. 1st St. Open 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.



Community Storytimes



The Grace Museum

102 Cypress St.

325.673.1587

www.thegracemuseum.org

picture book readings in the Children's Museum at 10 a.m. on the third Thursday each month. The readings take place on the famous mini-paramount Theatre stage followed by an art activity. The cost is \$10 per family with a copy of the book or \$5 per family for the reading and art activity. Pre-registration required.



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.



Abilene Public Library

Main Library, 202 Cedar St.

South Branch, Mall of Abilene

Mockingbird Branch, 1326 N.

Mockingbird Ln.

www.abilenetx.com/apl

All library events are free.

Summer Reading Club (June 4-July 29)

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 (Ages 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)





"The Wizard of Oz"
Feb. 13, 2018

"Legally Blonde the Musical JR."
Jan. 12-14, 2018



Abilene Ballet Theatre

Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St.

www.Abileneballettheatre.org

"The Nutcracker"

Nov. 17-19, 2017

"Fairy Tales + Fables"

Feb. 25, 2018

Young Audiences of Abilene

Abilene Public Library, 202 Cedar St.

www.yaabilene.org

Free summer shows at 10:45 a.m. and 3 p.m. each performance date.

Bernadette Nason

June 13, 2017

An Austin storyteller who hails from England, Bernadette also is a writer, actress and a bit of a humorist. She has won multiple awards for her storytelling.

Le Theatre de Marionette

June 27, 2017

Based in Dallas, this puppetry troupe has provided puppet show entertainment for families and children of all ages since 1991.

Joe McDermott

July 11, 2017

This singer/songwriter has composed soundtracks for video games, but he specializes in music for children. He has a high energy, Austin-style pop sound.

Hampstead Stage Company

July 26, 2017

"Beauty and the Beast" and "Pinocchio" are brought to life with realistic sets, elaborate costumes and audience participation. Hampstead is a national, professional touring theatre company based in New Hampshire.



National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature

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YEARS OF ART
1997 - 2017

102 Cedar St.

325.673.4586 www.nccil.org

Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Tuesday-Saturday

Upcoming exhibits

September-October 2017

20th Anniversary Retrospective

Fall 2017

Melissa Sweet

Spring 2018

Coretta Scott King Award Winners

Summer 2018

Oliver Jeffers



The National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL) is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a year of special activities, including many previous exhibiting artists returning for various events. The NCCIL collaborates with award-winning illustrators to produce exhibitions of their original artwork. After its debut at the NCCIL, each exhibition travels the country. The museum's admission is free. The NCCIL offers educational programming designed to stimulate creativity, to promote literacy and to increase appreciation for the arts. Family Fun Saturdays allow families to explore visual and verbal literacy. Visit the NCCIL bookstore for award-winning and signed children's books.

Children's Art & Literacy Festival



June 7-9, 2018
325.677.1161
www.abilenecalf.com
CALF 2018: Oliver Jeffers



You could not, would not, want to miss a storybook celebration such as this! The Children's Art & Literacy Festival (CALF) honors the featured summer illustrator at the NCCIL. CALF 2018 will celebrate Oliver Jeffers, illustrator of the best-selling books "The Day the Crayons Quit" and "The Day the Crayons Came Home." Other popular books are "Stuck," "Lost and Found" and "This Moose Belongs to Me."

The three-day festival will launch with a parade, costume contest and artist talk on ArtWalk night. All day Friday and Saturday enjoy dramatic readings, art activities, magic shows, workshops, petting zoos, train rides and more.



Welcome to the Storybook Capital of Texas



In Abilene, characters from your favorite children's books come to life. 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. Explore historic downtown Abilene. Enjoy dramatic readings and art activities. Create your own art. Write your own stories. Start planning your childhood adventure now!

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