CALL FOR PAPERS

MLA Children’s Literature Division 2004 Convention
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
December 27-30, 2004

Children’s Literature and the Left

Submissions are invited related to any aspect of children’s literature and left-leaning political movements. Topics may include but are not limited to: the Bank Street School, activist children’s books, theorizing relationships between literature and politics, and individual authors with related affiliation or interests.

Send 1-page abstracts by 1 March 2004 to: Philip Nel, Department of English, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-0701; philnel@ksu.edu

Children’s Literature and the Literary

This panel seeks to explore the role of literariness in children’s literature. Is literariness still a meaningful concept? How do we define the literary in our discussions of children’s texts? How does the history of children’s literature studies, such as the struggle to get English departments to recognise children’s literature as ‘literature’ rather than ‘sub-literature’, continue to inform critical theory and practice? What do ‘literary’ criteria have to offer cultural studies, and what does children’s cultural studies have to offer children’s literature? Papers are invited that explore these questions, or related ones. Both discussions of the role of the literary as it relates to children’s literature’s disciplinary status and discussion of specific texts are encouraged.

Send detailed abstracts to: Richard Flynn, Department of Literature and Philosophy, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA 30458-8023; rflynn@gasou.edu by 1 March 2004.

ACLAR CONFERENCE

July 17-19 2004

The Australasian Children’s Literature Association for Research will hold its sixth biennial conference in Sydney from 17-19 July 2004. More information about the conference theme, dates and registration will be posted as it becomes available.

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