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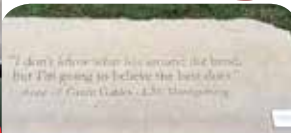
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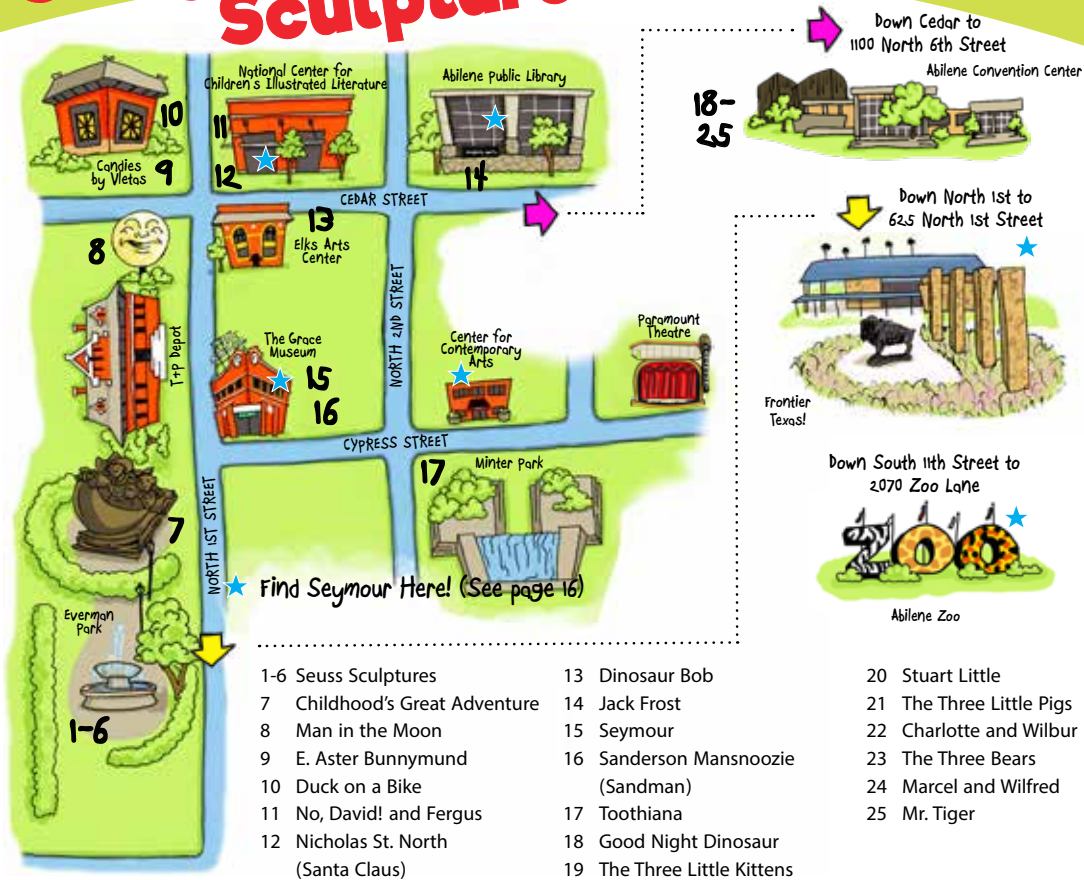
William Joyce,
center, with
Toothiana sculpture
at CALF 2014

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.



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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.

See sculpture sponsors at www.storybookcapitalofamerica.com

Dr. Seuss Sculptures

LOCATION: Everman Park

SCULPTOR: Leo Rijn

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: 2011

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: 2011

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: 2011

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: 2011

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: 2011

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

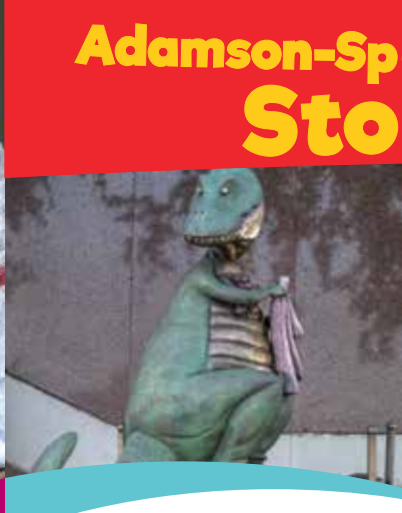
Installed: 2011

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.



Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden

LOCATION:
Abilene Convention Center



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!"

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!

Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden

LOCATION:
Abilene Convention Center



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

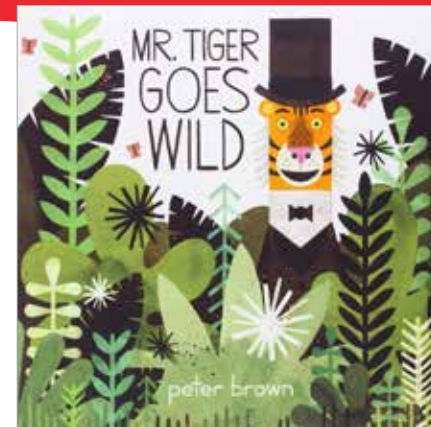
Marcel has trouble following Wilfred's rules, such as going where the boy wants to go. Perhaps because Wilfred's pet doesn't quite realize that he belongs to anyone.



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.



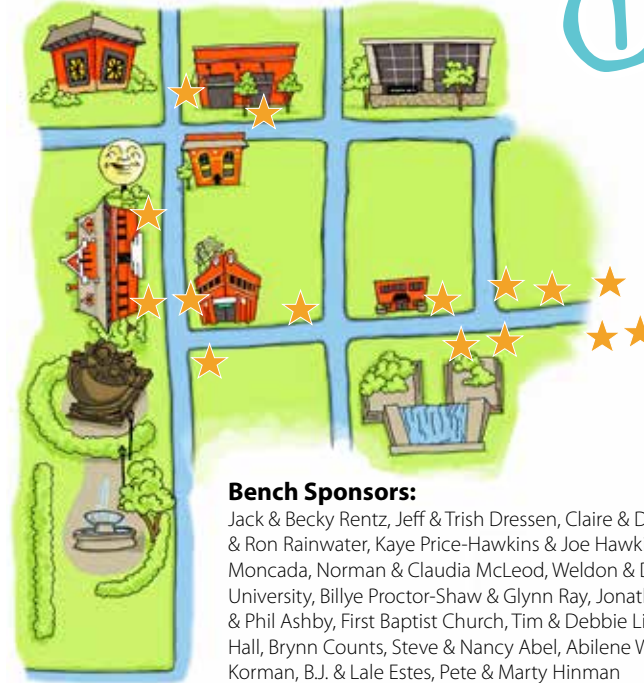
Begin Your Abilene Art Adventure

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.



1 Follow the Art Adventure Trail!
Go from bench to bench to

Go from bench to bench to create your own unique frottage (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 Frottage 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:

Jack & Becky Rentz, Jeff & Trish Dressen, Claire & David Carlson, Hendrick Medical Center, Sandi & Ron Rainwater, Kaye Price-Hawkins & Joe Hawkins, Karen & Charlie Adams, Mike & Paula Moncada, Norman & Claudia McLeod, Weldon & Debbie Hurt, Betty Weeth, Abilene Christian University, Billye Proctor-Shaw & Glynn Ray, Jonathan & Allison Carroll, Leigh & Greg King, Cathy & Phil Ashby, First Baptist Church, Tim & Debbie Lillick, Randy & JoAnn Wilson, Larry & Shea Hall, Brynn Counts, Steve & Nancy Abel, Abilene Women of Leadership Texas, Gilbert & Dottie Korman, B.J. & Lale Estes, Pete & Marty Hinman

★ Denotes areas for 25 benches



② Storybook Audio Tour

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



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.

④ 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.



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!



**Jeff Boyer's
Big Bubble
Bonanza**
 Sunday,
 November 3



**Click Clack
Moo**
 Sunday,
 February 16



**Peter Rabbit
Tales**
 Sunday,
 March 22



Dogman
 Sunday,
 April 26



Paramount Productions & Movies

Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St.
Paramount-abilene.org
 Junior Broadway show with an
 all-local youth cast - Jan. 24-26, 2020

Family Film Series

"Willy Wonka & the Chocolate
 Factory" July 6, 2019
 "Up" Aug. 3, 2019
 "Snow White" Aug. 31, 2019



Abilene Ballet Theatre

Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St.
www.Abileneballettheatre.org

"The Nutcracker" - Nov. 22-24, 2019
 "Fairy Tales & Fables" - March 8, 2020

Abilene Broadway Series

Abilene Convention Center 1100 N. 6th St.
www.celebrityattractions.com

"Finding Neverland" - Jan. 30, 2020



Free Family Entertainment

Young Audiences of Abilene



Young Audiences
Arts for Learning
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.

Soul Street Dance Co.

June 11, 2019

This dynamic dance show will treat audiences to world-class, high energy performances.

Key City Brass

June 25, 2019

Come see the hose-a-phone and play a game of who's got the melody?

Rochelle Rabouin

July 9, 2019

Learn to identify constellations in your night sky with this children's entertainer.

Magik Theatre

July 23, 2019

See the fabulous tales of Davy Crockett and Pecos Bill come to life in The Kingdom of Texas.



More Children's Activities



The Grace Museum

102 Cypress St.
325.673.1587

www.thegracemuseum.org

The Children's Museum on the second floor is an interactive space focusing on art and science. There's also a cushioned play area just for children under 4. Bring your toddler to Tot Spot offered monthly for ages 3-5 with an accompanying adult. Expand their imaginations with hands-on art projects and gallery time. After the program, children can enjoy the galleries and Children's Museum. Free for museum members; \$5 for non-members.

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.gov/apl

All library events are free.

Summer Reading Club (June 1-July 31)

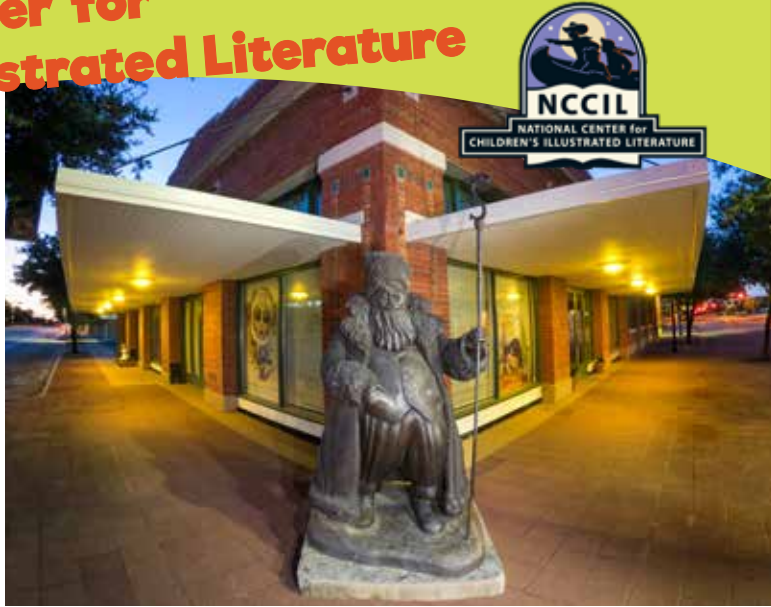
Baby Steps (Ages 0-1)
Lapsits (Ages 1-2)
Play & Learn (Ages 1-3)
Toddler Time (Ages 2-3)
Evening Storytime (Ages 2-6)
Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-6)
Music and Movement (All ages)
Super Storytime (All ages)
Stories & More (All ages)
Family Fun (All ages)
Stories in the Park (All ages)
Make & Take (All ages)
STEM programs (All ages)
Robotic Programming (Teens)

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
Peter Brown
June 6-Aug. 23, 2019

Upcoming exhibits
Yuyi Morales
Nov. 14, 2019-May 29, 2020
Loren Long
June 11-Sept. 27, 2020
Christian Robinson
Oct. 8, 2020-Jan. 29, 2021



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



June 11-13, 2020
325.677.1161
www.abilenecalf.com
CALF 2020: Loren Long



When Loren Long first wrote and illustrated "Otis" in 2009, he never planned to write more books about the same characters. But there was something about the lovable tractor that moved Long in a way that took him back to his own childhood sitting on his mother's lap while she read to him. The authentic goodness of Otis compelled Long to write more stories about him, becoming a best-selling series. Otis and other characters created by Long's artwork will be brought to life at the 2020 CALF. The festival honors the featured summer illustrator each year at the NCCIL. The three-day festival will start with the Storybook Parade, costume contest, sculpture unveiling and artist talk Thursday night. All day Friday and Saturday, enjoy dramatic readings, art activities, magic shows costumed characters, workshops, petting zoos, train rides and more!



Welcome to the Storybook Capital of America

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 storybook adventure now!

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