

**University of Kentucky
School of Information Science (SIS)**

**LIS 510 401 Children's Literature and Related Materials
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Instructor

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Class Information

- FACE-TO-FACE
- Thursdays; 5:30-8:30 pm
- Lucille Little Learning Center/Art Library
Room 302
- Final Exam emailed to me May 4 by 8:30 pm.

Office Hours

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Room 310, College of Communications
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Canvas, Email, or Text

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description

A survey of children's literature, traditional and modern. Reading and evaluation of books with multimedia materials with emphasis on the needs and interests of children. Covers media for use by and with children from preschool through grade five.

Student Learning Outcomes

After completing this course, the student will be able to:

1. Recognize a wide variety of authors, illustrators, and books in the field of children's literature from early childhood through elementary school.
2. Critically evaluate literary materials for children.
3. Select appropriate literary materials that meet the personal and intellectual requirements and interests of individual children.
4. Demonstrate the ability to select and present books and stories for the purpose of motivating children to enjoy literature and to become lifelong readers.
5. Prepare an instructional plan to use children's literature in support of the Common Core State Standards.

6. Select supporting web resources when using children's trade books for student instruction across the school curriculum.

Course Overview

Students will read a variety of literature aimed at children. Through discussions, selective readings/reflections, read-alouds, storytelling, book commercials, web explorations, and student presentations, students will evaluate children's literature for its quality, appeal, and value in instruction. Instructional activities will include lectures, small group and class discussions, presentations, research, guest speakers, a midterm and a final exam.

Course Outline

Week 1....Overview of course

Week 2....Celebrity Authors

Week 3.... Evaluation of Picture Books

Week 4.... Kentucky Authors

Week 5... .Caldecott, Newbery and other Award Winners

Week 6.... Reading Aloud & Picture Books for Early Childhood; Kentucky Bluegrass Award

Week 7... EBooks, Book Apps, Graphic Novels, Post-Modern Lit; Censorship & Selection

Week 8.... Midterm & Realistic Fiction

Week 9.....Fantasy Fiction

Week10....Spring Break

Week11...Text Complexity

Week12...Storytelling

Week13...Historical Fiction

Week14...Book Talks, Biography and Information Books; Children's Magazines & Professional Journals/ Administrator Advice

Week 15...Class Does Not Meet; Complete all term assignments

Week 16...Teacher Collaboration with School and Public Librarians

Week 17...Final Exam

Required Textbook: Lynch-Brown & Tomlinson. *Essentials of Children's Literature*/ 8th Ed. Boston: Allyn & Bacon, 2014 ISBN-10: 0-13-306673-8 ISBN-13: 978-0-13-306673-9

Required Trade Books: *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson; *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate; *Paper Wishes* by Lois Sephapan; *Thrill in the Ville* by Patsi Trollinger; *Perfect Timing* by Patsi Trollinger; *Lift Your Light a Little Higher* by Heather Henson.

Required Web Group: Create an account @ www.goodreads.com and request to join the UK 510 Children's Lit Spring 2017 group.

<https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/208068-uk-lis-children-s-lit-spring-2017>

This is where you will post book reviews for all the books you read for this course.

INTEGRATION

Integration of Syllabus with UK Educator Preparation Unit Themes:

This course will address the four themes of the conceptual framework for the UK professional education unit: **research**, **reflection**, **learning**, and **leading**. Students will be given the opportunity to review, analyze, discuss, and apply **research** from diverse perspectives in education, including professional scholarship and practitioner inquiry, in order to reflect on their own practices as they study, observe, and practice in P-12 school and university classrooms. **Reflection** will also be integrated into students' learning opportunities through the production of written essays and analyses of observation and teaching experiences to help students take advantage of the analytical and problem-solving skills that comprise critical professional reflection on one's own teaching. This course emphasizes the commitment of the professional education unit to assure that its graduates move into their professional lives equipped for lifelong **learning** as educators who will be active in **leading** colleagues in their schools, districts and professional organizations. The ultimate goal in addressing these four themes is to produce teacher leaders who work together to improve student learning among diverse populations and improve education in Kentucky and beyond.

Integration of Syllabus with Common Core Standards Initiatives:

This course will provide students an opportunity to advance their knowledge and mastery of the "tools" associated with enactment of SB 1 including the new assessment system referred to as UnBridled Learning College and Career for All, which includes the (K-PREP) tests – including the criterion and norm-referenced portions for grades 3-6. As students carry out projects and complete assignments that involve instructional activities for P-6 students in Kentucky schools, they will address one or more components of the Common Core Academic Standards for Language Arts.

Integration of the Syllabus with the Themes of Diversity, Assessment, and Technology:

All UK professional education programs address and affirm the value of diversity in education, the use of technology to support all aspects of instructional programming, and the importance of attaining high levels of skill in assessing the outcomes of instruction. This course will provide students an opportunity to demonstrate attention to these themes and reflect on the mechanisms that this course has provided to demonstrate improved skills in these areas.

STUDENT EVALUATION

Grading Parameters

LIS 510 STUDENT ASSESSMENT SHEET

Name _____

- _____ 1. Reading Autobiography & Principal Joey Blog Reflection **5%**
- _____ 2. Web Search **5%**
- _____ 3. Picture Book Read Aloud **3%**
- _____ 4. Midterm **10%**
- _____ 5. **Free Choice Reading** Goodreads Book Postings **15%** **2 summary sheets; 21 postings Most worth 1 point each**
 1 poetry book, 5 picture book types **{2 pts.}** [pattern/predictable, ABC, counting, concept, wordless], 5 picture storybooks **{2 pts.}**, 1 graphic novel, 1 easy reader, 1 traditional book, 1 picture book for older readers, 1 classic or classic picture book, 1 popular series, 1 transitional reader, 1 biographical picture book or 1 biography book, 1 children's magazine and 1 professional journal (these magazines will be submitted on specific summary sheets found on Canvas and will not be posted on Goodreads).
- _____ 6. **Required Reading** for Small Group Book Discussion Sessions **15%**
 _____ Goodreads postings prepared in advance for book discussions:
 KY Author picture books / novel {1 pt}, Caldecott {1 pt.}, *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* {2 pts}, *The One and Only Ivan* {2 pts}, folktale variant chart {1 pts} (not posted but compared on chart), multicultural {1 pt}, *Paper Wishes* {1 pt}, 1 informational picture book or information book {1 pt}, **10%**
 _____ Advanced preparation as group leader **3%**
 _____ Follow-up summary as group reporter **2%**
- _____ 7. Literature Lesson Write-Up & Presentation **10%**
- _____ 8. Text Complexity Project **5%**
- _____ 9. Author/Illustrator Guide OR Topics for Further Exploration **10%**
- _____ 10. Story Told **5%**
- _____ 11. Book Talk **3%**
- _____ 12. Class Participation **4%** (1 point each for whole class participation, 1 point for intellectual initiative, 2 points for attendance).

_____ 13. Final exam: **10%**

MIDTERM GRADE: _____
FINAL GRADE FOR COURSE: _____

Grading Rubric

All work should be proofed carefully and presented in a professional manner. Mistakes in grammar, punctuation, and spelling will result in point deduction.

Unexcused late work may result in the grade being lowered by one letter.

Deductions for assignments that do not meet minimum standards will vary.

Grading Scales

Undergraduate and Graduate Grade Point Scale

Below is the grade point scale for grads and undergrads for your final semester grade. Also included is the number of points you will need to be exempt from having to take the final after all assignments are graded..this represents 90 points out of 100/the final is worth 10 points. There will always be some students just one point from having to take the final, but there must be a cutoff point and there have been opportunities for extra credit throughout the course. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask. Everyone will know their point count by or before the last day of class, prior to the final.

Grade Point Scale for Undergraduates

90% – 100% = **A (Exceptional Achievement)**

80% – 89% = **B (High Achievement)**

70% – 79% = **C (Average Achievement)**

60% – 69% = **D (Below Average Achievement)**

Below 60% = **E (Failing)**

Grade Point Scale for Graduates

90-100% = **A**

80 – 89% = **B**

70 – 79% = **C**

Below 70% = **E**

Lowest point total to be exempted from final after 90% of assignments completed:

Undergrads...83

Grads and Honors Students...86

Mid-term Grade (for undergrads in 500-level courses)

Mid-term grades will be posted in myUK by the deadline established in the Academic Calendar and on the Course Calendar (<http://www.uky.edu/registrar/calendar>).

Participation (worth 4 points on final grade)

Class participation is an important part of the course. Your responsibility is to contribute to class discussions and small group discussions – from your background and experience-- as well as from your reading and book responses prepared for the discussion. You also need to listen respectfully to presentations by class members, as they are part of your learning experience. **Laptops/mobile devices** brought to class are to be used only for note-taking and information seeking directly related to class discussion. Any other use will result in grade points deducted from class participation. You have to be **in** class to participate. Any unexcused absences may jeopardize your final grade. Certainly emergencies or illnesses are legitimate and excused within reason. The 4 points include: attendance (2), oral participation, whole class (1) intellectual initiative (1).

Absences/Attendance

This class is a community whose success depends on everyone's participation, and it is vital for you to attend class in order to be successful. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of class. If you miss this, it is your responsibility to let me know you arrived late.

If you are absent on a day when an assignment is due, you will be allowed to hand in or make up that work only if the absence is officially excused. You will be asked to provide official written documentation for excused absences the next time you are in class in order for your absence to be excused. If you know ahead of time that you will be absent from class with an excused absence, please discuss this with your instructor and turn in any assignments ahead of time. Excuses for university-sponsored activities must be made prior to such absences. For any emergency situation that arises, email your instructor as soon as you know about the situation when possible. No make-up work is available for in-class exercises or quizzes unless approved in advance by your instructor. Students have one week to complete a missed assignment or quiz due to an excused absence upon their return without penalty.

An unexcused absence when one is expected to be a group discussion leader or reporter will result in a 0 point grade for that assignment unless **prior** arrangements have been made to switch dates with another student.

Excused Absences

Students need to notify the professor of absences prior to class when possible. Senate Rules 5.2.4.2 defines the following as acceptable reasons for excused absences: (a) serious illness, (b) illness or death of family member, (c) University-related trips, (d) major religious holidays, and (e) other circumstances found to fit "reasonable cause for nonattendance" by the professor.

Students anticipating an absence for a major religious holiday are responsible for notifying the instructor in writing of anticipated absences due to their observance of such holidays no later than the last day in the semester to add a class. Two weeks prior

to the absence is reasonable, but should not be given any later. Information regarding major religious holidays may be obtained through the Ombud (859-257-3737, http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/ForStudents_ExcusedAbsences.php).

Per Senate Rule 5.2.4.2, students missing any graded work due to an excused absence are responsible: for informing the Instructor of Record about their excused absence within one week following the period of the excused absence (except where prior notification is required); and for making up the missed work. The professor must give the student an opportunity to make up the work and/or the exams missed due to an excused absence, and shall do so, if feasible, during the semester in which the absence occurred.

Withdrawal from the Course:

If a student has excused absences in excess of one-fifth of the class contact hours for that course, a student shall have the right to petition for a "W", and the Instructor of Record may require the student to petition for a "W" or take an "I" in the course. [US: 2/9/87; RC: 11/20/87]

Incompletes:

Student requests for an Incomplete (an I grade) will be considered within University guidelines and only in extreme circumstances.

http://www.uky.edu/Ombud/ForFaculty_EnrollmentGrades.php

Verification of Absences

Students may be asked to verify their absences in order for them to be considered excused. Senate Rule 5.2.4.2 states that faculty have the right to request "appropriate verification" when students claim an excused absence because of illness, or death in the family. Appropriate notification of absences due to University-related trips is required prior to the absence when feasible and in no case more than one week after the absence.

Submission of Course Assignments

Turn in all assignments on time. Acceptance of late assignments will be subject to the discretion of the instructor. Any late assignments will be subject to loss of one letter grade upon evaluation. **Submissions of assignments other than Goodreads posts are to be posted on Canvas (preferred), sent as email attachments, or handed in as hard copy.** It is the student's responsibility to keep copies of all assigned work until the semester is over. These may need to be resubmitted if there are technical problems.

Group Work and Collaboration

All students will participate in a small group throughout the semester. You will communicate with your group through email. Each student will serve as a leader and as a reporter at least once. If for any reason you cannot serve in this role on the date assigned to you, it is your responsibility to find someone to trade dates with you or you will receive no credit for that role.

GENERAL COURSE POLICIES

Policies concerning academic integrity, excused absences and academic accommodations due to disability are available online at:
<https://ci.uky.edu/sis/sites/default/files/policies.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Per University policy, students shall not plagiarize, cheat, or falsify or misuse academic records. Students are expected to adhere to University policy on cheating and plagiarism in all courses. The minimum penalty for a first offense is a zero on the assignment on which the offense occurred. If the offense is considered severe or the student has other academic offenses on their record, more serious penalties, up to suspension from the University may be imposed.

Plagiarism and cheating are serious breaches of academic conduct. Each student is advised to become familiar with the various forms of academic dishonesty as explained in the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Complete information can be found at the following website: <http://www.uky.edu/Ombud>. A plea of ignorance is not acceptable as a defense against the charge of academic dishonesty. It is important that you review this information as all ideas borrowed from others need to be properly credited.

Senate Rules 6.3.1 (see <http://www.uky.edu/Faculty/Senate/> for the current set of Senate Rules) states that all academic work, written or otherwise, submitted by students to their instructors or other academic supervisors, is expected to be the result of their own thought, research, or self-expression. In cases where students feel unsure about a question of plagiarism involving their work, they are obliged to consult their instructors on the matter before submission.

When students submit work purporting to be their own, but which in any way borrows ideas, organization, wording, or content from another source without appropriate acknowledgment of the fact, the students are guilty of plagiarism.

Plagiarism includes reproducing someone else's work (including, but not limited to a published article, a book, a website, computer code, or a paper from a friend) without clear attribution. Plagiarism also includes the practice of employing or allowing another person to alter or revise the work, which a student submits as his/her own, whoever that other person may be. Students may discuss assignments among themselves or with an instructor or tutor, but when the actual work is done, it must be done by the student, and the student alone.

When a student's assignment involves research in outside sources or information, the student must carefully acknowledge exactly what, where and how he/she has employed them. If the words of someone else are used, the student must put quotation marks around the passage in question and add an appropriate indication of its origin. Making simple changes while leaving the organization, content, and phraseology intact is plagiaristic. However, nothing in these Rules shall apply to those ideas, which are so generally and freely circulated as to be a part of the public domain.

Please note: Any assignment you turn in may be submitted to an electronic database to check for plagiarism.

Accommodations due to disability

If you have a documented disability that requires academic accommodations, please see me as soon as possible during scheduled office hours. In order to receive accommodations in this course, you must provide me with a Letter of Accommodation from the Disability Resource Center (DRC). The DRC coordinates campus disability services available to students with disabilities. It is located on the corner of Rose Street and Huguelet Drive in the Multidisciplinary Science Building, Suite 407. You can reach them via phone at (859) 257-2754 and via email at drc@uky.edu. Their web address is <http://www.uky.edu/StudentAffairs/DisabilityResourceCenter/>.

Technology Information & Resources

Distance Learning Students are expected to have a minimum level of technological acumen and the availability of technological resources. Students must have regular access a computer with a reliable Internet connection and audio capabilities. Internet Explorer 7 (IE) or Firefox 2.x are the recommended browsers for those using a Windows-based PC. Those using Firefox 3.x may encounter problems with assignment uploads. Those using an Apple computer with MAC OS X (10.5.x) may use Firefox 3.x or Safari 3.x.

Please be certain that your computer and/or browser allow you to view Adobe Reader documents (.pdf). Microsoft Office and other software products are free for students: <http://download.uky.edu/>.

As your instructor, I am your first go-to person for technology problems. If you need more immediate assistance, please contact UKIT.

Information Technology Customer Service Center (UKIT)
<http://www.uky.edu/UKIT/>; 859-218-4357

Library Services & Distance Learning Services
<http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/DLLS>

- Carla Cantagallo, DL Librarian
- Local phone number: (859) 257-0500, ext. 2171; long-distance phone #: (800) 828-0439 (option #6)
- Email: dllservice@email.uky.edu

- DL Interlibrary Loan Service:

http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/libpage.php?lweb_id=253&llib_id=16

For more resources about online classes and student resources, visit <http://www.uky.edu/ukonline/>

The School of Information Science has a page with a comprehensive list of technology resources here: <http://ci.uky.edu/sis/students/techtips>

Canvas will be used in a limited way but students are expected to check the course shell regularly for announcements. Group leader questions are to be posted there. All major course documents will be posted as will class agendas containing an overview of each class and assignments for the following week. This is the best place to post your completed assignments.

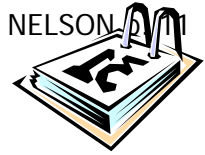
Goodreads <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/208068-uk-lis-children-s-lit-spring-2017> is social media site focusing on literature. Each student will make an account on Goodreads and post required literature reviews there.

Course Reserves

Materials will be on reserve at the Education Library in Dickey Hall.

Military Members and Veterans

We recognize the complexities of being a member of the military community and also a student. If you are a member of the military or a military veteran or dependent, please inform your instructor if you are in need of special accommodations. Drill schedules, calls to active duty, mandatory training exercises, complications with GI Bill disbursement, and other unforeseen military and veteran related developments can complicate your academic life. If you are aware of a complication, we will work with you and put you in contact with university staff members who are trained to assist you. Please contact the Coordinator of the University of Kentucky Veterans Resource Center at (859) 257-1148 for additional assistance. Visit <http://www.uky.edu/veteransfor> for more available resources.



LIS 510 COURSE CALENDAR Spring 2017

January 12 Introductions/fill out Student Information Sheet & Interest Inventory; Overview of children's literature/PowerPoint. Overview of semester. Discuss extra credit (*The Book Whisperer* by Donalyn Miller/ lit lesson presentation/Read Carpet Event/Canvas Opportunities) and course calendar.

Assignment: Text: Chapters 1, 2, & 3: 3-46; submit Reading Autobiography and reflection on Principal Joey Blog <http://principaljoey.wordpress.com/2013/12/26/stop-trying-to-make-your-kids-read/>

January 19 Discuss Literature Lesson Presentations/sign up. Reading Autobiographies discussion. Demonstrate Goodreads posts. Celebrity Authors presentation and discussion.

Assign groups. Meet and choose leaders/reporters. Let instructor know leaders' and reporters' names.

DUE: Reading Autobiography and Reflection on Principal Joey blog...post on Goodreads.

Assignment: Text: Chapter 4 & 5: 49-82, Picture Books and Illustration/Poetry. Post Poetry Book to Goodreads/*Extra credit* for reading and posting review of a Novel in Verse (see Reading List).

January 23 *ALSC Youth Media Awards...watch online 8:00 – 9:00 am.*

January 26 Discussion of *picture books* and picture books for older readers. Children's poetry discussion.

DUE: Poetry book posted on Goodreads.

Assignment: Read the Kentucky author picture books that everyone in your group will discuss. Goodreads posts should be made. Group 1 & 2: *Lift Your Light a Little Higher* by Heather Henson; *Perfect Timing* and *Thrill in the 'Ville* (short chapter book) by Patsi B.Trollinger,

February 2 Group discussion of assigned picture book. *Guest Authors: Author, Patsi Trollinger and Heather Henson.* *Caldecott Criteria* discussion. Door Prizes!!

DUE: Goodreads posts on KY Author Books.

Assignment: Choose a ©2016 picture book to present as your choice for the 2017 Caldecott Medal and defend your position in written response on your Goodreads post and to your group. Actual 2017 Award Winners may not be chosen. [Find a list of buzz books on Canvas.](#) Complete Goodreads postings for picture books types (ABC, Concept, Pattern/Predictable, Counting, Wordless).

February 9 Children's Book Awards. Group discussion: *This Book Should've Won the Caldecott!* Discuss author illustrator guides and *Topics for Further Exploration*; /sign up. Tips for Reading Aloud. *Guest Speakers, Susan Melcher (2017 Caldecott Committee) and Lori Hancock (2018 Newbery Committee)*

DUE: Completed Goodreads posts for picture book types; post Caldecott choice

Assignment: Read Text: Chapter 8: 145-163/Realistic Fiction. Begin reading *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John David Anderson. Complete Goodreads posts for 5 picture storybooks. Read Text: pp. 276-279 on reading aloud. Prepare Read Aloud/one student from each group will read aloud to whole class. Bring a **hardback book** from which to read/NO iPads or tablets!!

February 16 Literature Lesson Program Presentations begin. Group Reading of Picture Book/Class presentation. **Guest Speaker: Mary Lou White, Scott County Public Library on Favorite Read Aloud Picture Books for Early Childhood.** Preschool Books and the Kentucky Bluegrass Award.

DUE: 5 picture storybook Goodreads posts; Preparation for picture book read aloud in class.

Assignment: Read text--Chapter 7:130-146, *Modern Fantasy*/ Begin reading *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. Submit Web Search to Canvas.

February 23 Read and discuss Post-Modern Literature (Chloe & the Lion/The Three Pigs Ebooks, Book Apps.(Little Red Ridinghood App)/Graphic Novels/ Censorship & Selection. *Literature Lesson Program Presentations.* Discuss Midterm.

Due: Submit Web Search to Canvas.

Assignment: Complete reading *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* and post to Goodreads. Post to Goodreads Graphic Novel...*elementary only. Prepare for Midterm.*

March 2 MIDTERM Evaluating Children's Literature: *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* and realistic fiction. Whole class discussion. *Literature Lesson Program Presentations.* Discuss folktale variants/hand out charts & assignments.

DUE: Goodreads post of Ms. Bixby's Last Day; Post graphic novel to Goodreads.

Assignment: Read Text: 107-121 Chapter 6, *Traditional literature.* Read folktale variants as assigned (see Canvas)—no Goodreads postings needed for folktale variants but a chart should be completed and submitted to Canvas. Complete *The One and Only Ivan* /Goodreads post.

February 27-March 10 – Monday through Friday - Midterm Grading window is open.

March 9 Group Discussion: Return Midterms. Discussion of *The One and Only Ivan*.
Literature Lesson Program Presentations. Discussion of Traditional Lit.
DUE: Folktale Variants Chart submitted to Canvas. Goodreads post for *The One and Only Ivan*.

Assignment: Complete Goodreads posts for easy-to-read, classic, popular series, traditional. Read text: Chapter 11: 212-243, *Literature for a Diverse Society*. Re-read pp. 20-21 from the text in preparation for discussion on text complexity. Each student will choose a book, picture or chapter, to read and discuss in his/her group: *Group 1: African American Group 2: Latino*

March 16 Spring Break! No Class!

Saturday, March 18...Attend the Read Carpet Event at Scott County Public Library and receive extra credit!

March 23 Discussion of text complexity. <http://www.lexile.com/about-lexile/lexile-video/>
<https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos/simplifying-text-complexity> Read *Sophie's Masterpiece* (ex of low lexile text perfect for teaching inference)/ discuss use in teaching inference to 4th/5th. Discuss as example of analyzing text complexity assignment. Group discussion: *multicultural & international literature*. Storytelling Tips: Online storytelling presentation. *Literature Lesson Program Presentations*.

DUE: Goodreads posts for diversity book, easy-to-read, classic, popular series, traditional.

Assignment: Prepare a story to tell to your group/one member from each group will tell his/her story to whole class. Read text—pp. 121-123. Post on Goodreads -- *Picture Book for Older Readers*. Complete text complexity assignment—submit to Canvas.

March 30 Historical Fiction PowerPoint. *Literature Lesson Program Presentations*.
Storytelling presentations in groups.

DUE: Text Complexity Assignment/Post Picture Books for Older Readers. Story to Tell Group...post story details (title/summary/source/age group) on Canvas to instructor for credit.

Assignment: Read text: 164-192, Chapter 9, Historical Fiction and Biography:
Whole Class Read: *Paper Wishes* by Lois Sepahban. Post to Goodreads.

April 6 Group Discussion: *Historical Fiction & Paper Wishes*. *Literature Lesson Program Presentations*. Book Talks Discussion. **Guest Author, Lois Sepahban.**

Due: *Paper Wishes* Goodreads post.

Assignment: Post to Goodreads for transitional, biography **or** biographical picture book (this will be for your Free Choice Reading). Prepare book talk. Complete and submit Author/Illustrator Info Guides or Topics for Further Exploration. Read text: 193-211, *Informational Books*; Choose information book (NOT biography) for group discussion; each group member will have a different book.

April 13 Group Discussion: *Information Books*. Book Talks. Presentation by Principal, Kyle Lee: Tips on Finding That First Teaching Position.

Due: Goodreads posts: transitional, biography or biographical picture book; Book Talk; Author/Illustrator Guide or Topics for Future Exploration. Magazine and Professional Journal Summary Sheets/submit to Canvas

Assignment: Complete and submit Summary Sheets (see Canvas for forms) for children's magazine and professional online journal (find approved magazines and journals at end of Reading List.)

All assignments should be submitted by April 20th to be eligible to skip the final.

April 20 **No Class!**

Assignment: Complete all assignments and submit. All assignments must be submitted by April 27th to receive credit.

April 27 **The Final...explained.** **Guest Speakers:** Roseann Polashek, Director SCPL on teacher/public library collaboration and Krista King-Oaks, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Children and Young Adult Services Consultant.

DUE: Any assignments not previously completed.

Assignment: Prepare Final Take-Home Exam

May 4 *No Class.* Post final exam to Canvas by 8:30 PM.

April 24-May 8 – Monday through Monday - Final Grading window is open

The Instructor reserves the right to change the course calendar to accommodate guest speakers or unforeseen circumstances.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Please Note: All assignments should deal with children's literature from ages 4 through 11 (preschool through 5th grade). Assignments using children's literature intended for older ages will not be accepted.

Please Note: Wikipedia is not an accepted source for research but can be used as a springboard to authenticated websites

Reading Autobiography & Blog Response Due January 19

In a short essay (two to three pages), please write about your history as a reader. Specifically, discuss the following: the first story you remember, if you were read to as a child and by whom, books you remember (from elementary, middle, high school) and what you remember about them, what you remember about learning to read (how? where?), the first book you read on your own, anyone important in developing your attitude toward reading (when and where did they read?), your current reading habits, what title have you read recently, and how you choose the books you read. What literary genre is your favorite(s). Do you like to be reading 1 or multiple books at a time? What literary character(s) or authors would you like to meet? Write about experiences that encouraged/discouraged you to read. Be as specific as possible. Length of assignment: 2-3 pages. Submit to Canvas.

Principal Joey Blog: <http://principaljoey.wordpress.com/2013/12/26/stop-trying-to-make-your-kids-read/> In a paragraph or two, reflect upon what he has to say. Be specific. Length of assignment: approx. 3 pages. Submit to Canvas.

Goodreads Posts <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/208068-uk-lis-children-s-lit-spring-2017> on UK LIS 510 Children's Lit Spring 2017 group.

Extensive reading of books from a variety of genres and authors is essential. Students will be expected to read a stipulated number of books from the recommended *Reading List* &/or bibliographies in the *Essentials of Children's Literature* text and be able to evaluate them critically and objectively during class discussions as well as in writing. Selections from the *Reading List* will be as follows: 5 picture book types, 5 picture storybooks, 1 graphic novel, 1 picture book for older readers, 1 poetry book, 1 easy reader, 1 traditional book, 1 classic or 1 classic picture book, 1 popular series, 1 children's magazine and 1 professional journal, 1 transitional reader, and 1 biography book. These are referred to as **free choice reading**. Except for the classic, all book choices should have a copyright © within the last 10 years. Choose books published **after** 2006. A posting on your account on www.goodreads.com on our class club group <https://www.goodreads.com/group/show/208068-uk-lis-children-s-lit-spring-2017> is

required for every picture book and novel read unless an exception is cited in the LIS 510 Course Calendar.

In addition, 9 books will be read for class discussion. These are referred to as **required reading**. Students will also read 3 selections from traditional literature, comparing or contrasting them on a *folktale variant chart* in Files on Canvas. Goodreads postings are due for each class discussion book read **by** the date of the discussion. Free Choice postings are due according to the Course Calendar.

Read Aloud Session Due: February 16

Select a picture book to read aloud to your discussion group—one you think would appeal to a group of children. Choose a book, published since 2006, with large, clear illustrations and a story that does not exceed 10 minutes when read aloud with expression, preferably a hardcover rather than a paperback edition. Do NOT read your book from an iPad or tablet. Post a review of your book to Goodreads *along with a brief explanation as to why you choose that particular book for reading aloud*.

Text Complexity Exercise Due: March 30

Select a picture book for older readers from the Reading List or the bibliography of your textbook (p. 80). After reading the book, determine its lexile level (www.lexile.com) and corresponding grade level. Using the *Text Complexity Analysis of template*, fill out each component and determine a final recommended placement of that book. Submit to Canvas. Use *Text Complexity: Qualitative Measures Rubric/Literary Texts* to assist your decisions.

Author/Illustrator Information Guide/Topics For Further Exploration Due: April 13

Become an “expert” on one author/illustrator. (Please let me know the name of your author &/or illustrator as soon as possible). Prepare a 4-6 page guide (or be creative in your format: Prezi, PowerPoint, brochure, or any computer presentation tools), on your author or illustrator and submit it to Canvas. Include a biographical narrative about the author/illustrator and his/her work/style in general (1—2 pages), a list of places (print &/or electronic) to find information on the author (at least 3—these should be briefly *annotated*), and a selective, *annotated* list of the author’s works (4-10 depending on whether they are novels or picture books). Be sure to include *most important and most recent works*. Find out if there are any *forthcoming works*. Include any *awards* received. **I expect you will have read the books you annotate. Do not use commercial annotations (e.g. amazon.com). These reviews are to be your original work. Graphics** should be an important visual component of your presentation.

OR: Select a topic from the list *LIS 510 Topics for Further Exploration* and write a paper on the topic of your choice. Cite all sources used in preparing your paper. The length of your paper will depend on your topic, but most topics will require an average of 3-5 pages.

Common Core Literature Lesson Programs (worth 10 points)

This project requires both a **written** and a **visual/oral** presentation. **Both** must be emailed to me to receive credit.

Using the *Reading Standards for Literature K—5*

http://www.corestandards.org/assets/CCSSI_ELA%20Standards.pdf, choose a **grade level (K—5)**. Then choose a standard: **RL 3 (characters)**, **RL 6 (point of view)**, **RL 7 (print vs AV)**, OR **RL 9 (comparing stories)**. Choose **1** book of high literary merit that you will use with students in teaching that standard. **2** books will need to be chosen in teaching some standards that require students to compare and contrast different texts, e.g. RL 9 in most grades and RL 7 in some grades. You may use the examples provided in *Scholastic Classroom Books Correlated to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts*

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/classroombooks/commoncore/> as samples, knowing that any high quality books of children's literature can be used to teach most any standard. Write up a plan for teaching this standard which includes: an image of the book and brief summary (not commercial, but written by you) for the book(s)/the lexiles <http://lexile.com/about-lexile/grade-equivalent/grade-equivalent-chart/> a way to introduce the book(s), e.g. book trailers, websites or video clips (providing background information), and an activity you will use with the students. You should create a **model** demonstrating the activity to the students. Create a PowerPoint Presentation/Prezi/wiki/blog or other way to visually present your standard and books to the class. The **visual presentation** will be **10 minutes maximum**. **Bring your books with you on the night of your presentation.**

Book Discussion Sessions

On January 19, you will be assigned to a discussion group. You will meet in groups to share your reading. Preparation [for seven of those sessions] Feb 2, Feb 9, March 2, (this will be a whole class discussion), March 9, March 23, March 30, and April 13 will include posting on Goodreads to share with group members. These class discussion book postings are to be completed **by the day of the class discussion** and may be used as a reminder during discussion. Preparation for **March 9** will be a chart to fill out or a website to which to respond. Folktale Variant Charts should be filled in online and submitted to Canvas. **Books being discussed should be brought to class discussion. Ebooks are permissible on tablets or laptops, not phones if picture books as your group needs to see the illustrations clearly.**

Designate a **group leader** before the discussion who will take responsibility for the discussion. S/he should prepare some *appropriate or provocative questions* to pose to the group to stimulate discussion. These questions should be broad, open-ended questions to inspire thinking and discussion, not questions that have definite answers. You must submit those questions on Canvas *before* class. (Everyone in the group will get a turn at this). Designate a **group reporter**. This person will give a *brief* summary of

your group's discussion to the rest of the class so others will get a feeling for your group's reaction to the titles. (Everyone will have a chance to do this). Reporter notes do not need to be submitted. You will receive credit at the time you report. | Credit for your work in discussion groups is part of Required Reading grade.

Storytelling Due: March 30

Choose a story appropriate to tell to a group of children (target your audience to be between preschool and 5th grade). The story should last no longer than 10 minutes. Use your gestures, voice, and facial expressions to engage your audience and to get the story across. While props and costumes are welcome, this is not required. **No notes may be used in storytelling.** You will tell your story to your group. Submit to Canvas: the title of your story, the source where you found it, the audience age to whom you'll be telling, and a brief summary of the story. Please do not tell very familiar stories e.g. *The Three Little Pigs*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, etc.

Book Talks Due: April 13

Select a novel (**not a picture book**) from the reading list or text bibliographies (with the exception of those required for group/class book discussions) that you would like to promote to a group of young people. The book must have been written in the last 10 years. Pick a target age or grade group between 2nd and 5th grade. You want to entice them to read the book without telling too much of the story or revealing the outcome. This is basically an advertisement for the book you're presenting. Book talks are informal and encourage give and take with your audience. **BOOKS MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE DISCUSSION.** E-books are not allowed.

Class Participation (worth 4 points on final grade)

Class participation is an important part of the course. Your responsibility is to contribute to class discussions and small group discussions – from your background and experience-- as well as from your reading and book responses prepared for the discussion. You also need to listen respectfully to presentations by class members, as they are part of your learning experience. **Laptops brought to class are to be used only for note-taking and information seeking directly related to class discussion. Any other use will result in grade points deducted from class participation.** You have to be in class to participate. Any unexcused absences may jeopardize your final grade. Certainly emergencies or illnesses are legitimate and excused within reason. The 4 points include: attendance (2), oral participation, whole class (1), and intellectual initiative (1).

Student Assessment Sheet

Your *Student Assessment* cumulative sheet will enumerate exactly which assignments are required and the percentage of credit each assignment is worth. I will **highlight** each book that you have posted to Goodreads indicating that I have read and graded that post. If you feel something you have posted has not been highlighted in error, please let me know. Your grade and my comments on each assignment will be on this sheet and

will be emailed to you throughout the course of the semester as grading is completed. It's your responsibility to check the sheet and note any assignment that I have yet to receive and to resend it. **Keep a copy of each assignment completed.** If something is lost in cyberspace, you will need to be able to reproduce it. I will also maintain Canvas Gradebook, but the Student Assessment Sheet is the final word on your grade status.