

# Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature Bridging Campus and Community

## Programming

- Inaugural Artist-in-Residence, author Guadalupe García McCall
  - Embedded in Fresno State English courses
  - Presentations at two local high schools
  - Presentation at Betty Rodriguez Regional Branch Library
  - Panel discussion on Latinx literature with Fresno State professors
  - Community reception with student work showcase
- Rad American Women, author & illustrator
  - Presentation at local elementary school
  - Presentation to Fresno State art class
  - Community presentation & reception
  - Created Rad Fresno State Women Project with Art & Design and Women's Studies
- Pura Belpré Award: Celebrating 20 years of Latinx Authors & Illustrators
  - Partnered with REFORMA deFresno, to present a panel discussion about the award
  - Performance by children guitarists from the Generaciones Project
  - 8 Community Organization Tables



## Exhibitions

- "Golden Threads: Journey through the Picture Book"
  - Two coordinating exhibitions: "Golden Legacy: 65 years of Golden Books" & fabric relief artist Salley Mavor
  - Tours and art activity given to local elementary students
  - 5,000 + attendants
- "Turning Pages: Intersections of Books and Technology"
  - Explored the ways in which technology has radicalized books and bookmaking
  - Tours and art activity given to local elementary students
  - 4,500 + attendants

## Conferences

- "Outlawed: The Naked Truth about Censored Literature for Young People"
  - Attracting international attention, proposals for talks received from academics in six countries in addition to those from across the United States
  - Featured seven highly-acclaimed speakers with renowned author, poet, and filmmaker, Sherman Alexie providing the kick-off for the conference

## Collections

- Lewis Carroll Collection
  - Growing collection of 2,200 + Carroll books and related materials
  - More that 300 illustrators represented, including a Salvador Dali numbered portfolio edition and original art by Leonard Weisgard
- LGBTQ Collection
  - Largest collection of LGBTQ books for young readers in any library in the USA
- Helen Monnette Amestoy Cat Collection
  - One of the largest collections of cat books, containing more than 6,000 volumes, primarily children's picture books
- World Languages Collection
  - Over 50 different languages represented

