LEFT: Attendee Sylvia Torkleson shows off her matching Lainey doll at the 2011 Kerlan Award, honoring Jane Kurtz.

RIGHT & BELOW: Display for the CLRC First Friday event, 7 October 2011.

BELOW: CLRC student-staff Sarah Olson holds up recently arrived manuscript.

RIGHT: An exhibit at the Children’s Theatre Company for Mercy Watson, curated by CLRC staff.

ABOVE: The Winter Holidays in Children's Literature exhibit in Andersen Library, which is open until 27 January 2012.

LEFT: Some of the members of the 2011-2012 Kerlan Friends Board.
FROM THE KERLAN FRIENDS PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, the Kerlan Collection prepares for a great change. Dr. Karen Nelson Hoyle, Professor, Curator and tireless advocate for the CLRC, especially the Kerlan Collection, will be retiring at the end of the year. Those of us who have had the privilege and honor of working with Karen over these many decades will miss her. As the curator of CLRC she has shown grace, wisdom and passion. She has always made everyone feel welcome, from the award-winning author/illustrator to the young freshman working on a paper for class. I can’t imagine the Kerlan without her and on behalf of the Kerlan Board and all the Kerlan Friends I want to thank her for all that she has done.

Last September Karen was honored as the 2011 Bridge Award Winner at the Annual Eric Carle Museum of Picture Art Honors in New York and recently Karen received notice that the Children’s Literature Association will honor her in 2012 as the recipient of the Anne Devereaux Jordan Award. The award is given for “significant contributions in scholarship and service to children’s literature.” The Kerlan Friends are happy to join this list with the following announcement made last month by the Kerlan Friends Award Committee Chairman Christine Alfano:

I am so happy to announce that this year’s winner of the Kerlan Award is Karen Nelson Hoyle! The entire Award Committee was completely enthusiastic about celebrating Karen’s rich, substantial work and her lasting legacy at CLRC by naming her the 2012 winner. We are looking forward to planning a grand event!

Please plan on joining us on Saturday May 5, 2012 for the annual Kerlan Award Lunch at 12:00 in Anderson Library 120; details to be announced.

As we move forward in the New Year the mission of the Kerlan Friends will continue by promoting the use of the Kerlan Collection’s holdings through displays in the community; supporting opportunities for readers and lovers of children’s books to interact with authors and illustrators at CLRC events; supporting the student essay contest; research fellowships; developing grant applications and providing supplemental funding for special Kerlan projects. In addition, the Kerlan Friends also support the development of educational resources such as the portfolios that are available for use by classroom teachers and librarians.

As the year comes to a close, please consider renewing your membership, giving someone a gift membership, and/or making an end-of-year contribution to the Kerlan Friends. Your contribution will help the Kerlan Collection continue its mission of preserving, conserving, presenting, and making resources available to researchers, writers, illustrators, teachers, and readers. Thank You for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

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Kerlan Board President

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Key: MS – manuscripts, IL – illustrations; published titles are indicated by italics.

**Caroline Arnold, MS:** A Polar Bear’s World; A Walrus’ World; A Moose’s World; A Bald Eagle’s World.


**Marion Dane Bauer, MS:** Abraham Lincoln; Florida; Little Lost Dog

**Larry Dane Brinmer, MS:** Birmingham Sunday; Black and White: The Confrontation of Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Eugene “Bull” Conner; We are One: The Story of Bayard Rustin.

**Toni Buzzo, MS:** Adventure Annie Goes to Kindergarten; Adventure Annie Goes to Work; Dawdle Duckling: Fire Up With Reading!; The Great Dewey Hunt; The Library Books; Little Loon and Papa; No T. Rex in the Library; Our Librarian Won’t Tell Us Anything; Penelope Popper Book Doctor; “R” is for Research; Ready or Not Dawdle Duckling; The Sea Chest.

**Gennifer Choldenko, MS:** Al Capone Does My Shirts

**John Coy, MS:** Love of the Game

**Ingrid Fetz, IL:** “Bears.” Jennifer Hill, donor

**Kristine L. Franklin, MS:** Out of the Dump: Writing and Photographs by Children of Guatemala

**Heather Vogel Frederick, MS:** Home for the Holidays; The Education of Patience Goodspeed; Spy Mice: For Your Paws Only; Spy Mice: Goldwhiskers

**Patricia Reilly Giff, MS:** Star Time

**Warren Hanson, MS:** Bugtown Boogie

**Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher, IL:** Bugtown Boogie

**Juanita Havill, MS:** Jamaica is Thankful

**Ruth Heller, IL:** Big Book for Our Planet; Blue Potatoes Orange Potatoes: How to Grow a Rainbow Garden; Fantastic! Wow! And Unreal! a Book about Interjections and Conjunctions; Plants that Never Bloom. Paul Heller, donor.

**Will Hobbs, MS:** The Big Wander; Beardance; Beadream; Bearstone; Changes in Latitudes, Crossing the Wire, Down the Yukon; Downriver; Far North; Ghost Canoe; Go Big or Go Home; Howling Hill; Jackie’s Wild Seattle; Jason’s Gold; Kolopelli’s Flute; Leaving Protection; The Maze; River Thunder; Take Me to the River; Wild Man Island.

**Eloise Greenfield, MS:** Daydreamers; Night on Neighborhood Street; Under the Sunday Tree

**Nikki Grimes, MS:** Planet Middle School

**Margaret Hubbard, MS:** Little Whirlwind; Seraphina Todd; The Hickory Limb; Lone Boy; Flight of the Swan: A Novel Based on the Life of Hans Christian Andersen; Captain Juniper; Pennyweather Luck; Thunderhead Mountain; Halloran’s Hill; A Crown for Carly; The Blue Gonfalon; The Road to the King’s Mountain; The Trouble on Shake-Rag Creek. 14 books, manuscripts for adult books, and plays. Jeanne Priley McLean, donor

**Uma Krishnaswami, MS:** Bringing Asha Home; The Broken Tusk: Stories of the Hindu God Ganesha; The Grand Plan to Fix Everything; The Happiest Tree: a Yoga Story; Holi; Many Windows; Monsoon; Naming Maya; Remembering Grandpa; Shower of Gold; Girls and Women in the Stories of India; Stories of the Flood.

**Suzanne LaFleur, MS:** Eight Keys

**Betsy and Ted Lewin, IL:** Balarama: a Royal Elephant; Island of the Dolphins.

**Jon S. Lewis, MS:** Grey Griffins Book 3: Fall of the Templar

**Tom Lichtenheld, IL:** Bridget’s Beret; Cloudelette; Goodnight Goodnight Construction Site; Shark Versus Train; Zero the Hero.

**Sylvia Long, IL:** Thumbelina.

**Charles Mikolaycak, IL:** A Fair Wind for Troy; Signs and Wonders. Susan Jonas, donor

**Claudia Mills, MS:** How Oliver Olson Changed the World; One Square Inch.

**Donna Jo Napoli, MS:** A Treasury of Greek Mythology

**Susan Pearson, MS:** Charles Darwin and the Mystery of Mysteries

**Margaret Sutton, MS:** Palace Wagon Family. Eleanor Kratzat, donor.

**Deborah Kogan Ray, IL:** Diana, Maybe; Hokey Pokey Man; Hokusai: The Man Who Painted a Mountain, Immigrant Girl: Becky of Eldridge Street; Little Tree; My Dog, Trip; On Grandma’s Roof; Sky Words, Stargazing Sky (MS & IL); Though Grandpa’s Eyes; The White Marble.

**Carolyn Reeder, MS:** Shades of Grey
Kerlan Award Luncheon
Saturday, May 5, 2011  12-1 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Atrium and Room 120

Enjoy a buffet lunch with other Kerlan Friends, teachers, librarians, children’s literature aficionados, and our esteemed guests.

Cost: $25 ($20 for Kerlan Friends)

The Kerlan Award
Saturday, May 5, 2011  1:15-2:30 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

The climax of this day is the Kerlan Award Ceremony. The awards are presented and former Children’s Literature Research Collections Curator Karen Nelson Hoyle will give a talk.  Cost: Free and open to the Public

Kerlan Award Registration Form
(also available online at http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc/2010KerlanAward.php )

Please choose one of the registration options below and mail this form and checks to:
CLRC-Kerlan Award, 113 Andersen Library, 222 –21st Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455.
Please make all checks payable to the University of Minnesota.  Registration deadline is 23 April 2012.

1. Kerlan Award Ceremony
   _____ Chair at Award Presentation (Free)
   _____ Presentation with Buffet Lunch:
       _____ Kerlan Friend Member $20  _____ Non-member $25  Subtotal____________

2. Become a new Kerlan Friend Member
   **Include a separate check and write “New-3411” on the memo line**
   _____ Please send me the newsletter electronically, rather than on paper. My email address is below.
   _____ New Member $25

Total Amount Enclosed __________

Name: ____________________________________________

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Guest Name(s): ____________________________________

A map of parking options is available at http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/EALib/index.html.
We also recommend parking in the municipal lot next to the Holiday Inn on Washington Avenue.
**2011 KERLAN AWARD WINNER: KAREN NELSON HOYLE**

“The time was July, 1967. The place, the baggage carousel at the Minneapolis airport. I had just flown in from the annual ALA meeting in Los Angeles and was waiting to claim my suitcase when a vivacious and attractive young lady, smiling enthusiastically, bounced up to me and asked “Are you Dr. Stanford?” When I assured her that I was, she said “I am Karen Nelson, and I’m going to join your library staff this fall. Dr. Hopp interviewed me at the conference and offered me the chance to work for the Kerlan Collection.” I thanked her for introducing herself and said I hoped the new job would live up to her expectations -- whereupon, my bag having arrived, we went our separate ways.”

-- Dr. E.B. Stanford, Former Director of Libraries, 1997.

Karen Nelson Hoyle will be presented with the 2011 Kerlan Award at a ceremony in Andersen Library on Saturday, 5 May 2012. Hoyle, who will retire January 11, 2012 after forty plus years of dedicated service, has been an outstanding scholar, teacher, and mentor to countless people who are interested in and passionate about children's literature and the people who create books for children. She has devoted her life to continuing Dr. Kerlan's vision and making it a reality.

Chaired by Christine Alfano, the Award Committee selected Hoyle in recognition of her contributions to children's literature as a field and her service to the Kerlan Collection.

Karen Nelson Hoyle is Professor and Curator of the Children's Literature Research Collections (including the Kerlan), University of Minnesota, 1967-present; Teacher, History of Children's Literature and Scandinavian Children's Literature; St. Olaf (BA), University of California Berkeley (MLS), University of Minnesota (MA, PhD), Past Secretary, IRSCIL; Past President, ChLA; ALA Award committees: Batchelder, Caldecott, Newbery, Wilder. Author, Wanda Gag (Twayne, 1994; reprint University of Minnesota Press, 2009); articles in Bookbird, Catholic Library World, Children & Literature, Journal of Children's Literature, Lion & Unicorn, children's literature encyclopedias, and Handbook of Research on Children's and Young Adult Literature.

Anne Devereaux Jordan Award from the Children's Literature Association, forthcoming, June, 2012; The award is given for “significant contributions in scholarship and service to children's literature.” Kay Sexton Award for Outstanding Contributions to Minnesota's Book Community, 2003; Distinguished Alumna Award, St. Olaf College, 1994; Minnesota Library Association Distinguished Achievement Award, 1992; Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters, University of St. Thomas, 1992.

**RECENT ACQUISITIONS, CONT.**

Harriette Gillem Robinet, MS: Children of the Fire; Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule; Missing from Haymarket Square; Twelve Travelers; Twenty Horses; The Twins, the Pirates, and the Battle of New Orleans; Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues; Washington City is Burning.

Anne Rockwell, IL: Supermarket (new edition)

David Spohn, MS and IL: Winter Wood

Eleanor Wong Telemaque, MS: It's Crazy to Stay Chinese in Minnesota; The Sammy Wong Files: Confessions of a Chinese American Terrorist, a Memoir.

Margot Tomes, IL: The Brave Balloon of Benjamin Buckly; Five Children and a Dog. Jessica Kennedy, donor.

Sarah Weeks, MS: Pie

Nancy J. Werlin, MS: Are You Alone On Purpose?; Black Mirror; Double Helix; Extraordinary; Impossible; Killer's Cousin; Locked Inside; Rules of Survival.

Ashley Wolff, IL: Goody O'Grumpity; Goody O'Grumpity and Home Sweet Home; Old MacDonald had a Woodshop.


KERLAN ESSAY AWARD

The Friends of the Kerlan Collection are pleased to announce the annual award to be presented in 2012 for an outstanding paper written during the preceding school year by a college or university student using the resources of the Children's Literature Research Collections. This award will consist of a citation and the sum of three hundred dollars. The purpose of the award is to promote the use of the Kerlan Collection, and it is given in recognition of outstanding research utilizing original resources available in the Kerlan Collection.

In evaluating the papers, judges will emphasize the formulation of a research topic that provides a contribution to knowledge and utilizes original resources, especially manuscripts and illustrations in the CLRC. The writing style and organization of the paper are also important. The deadline is June 1, 2012.

Criteria and Rules for Entering:
- Manuscripts of any length will be considered. They must have been completed between June 1, 2011 and June 1, 2012.
- Three copies of the essay must be submitted to the Kerlan Essay Award, 113 Elmer L. Andersen Library, University of Minnesota, 222–21st Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455.
- If previously published, submit the final publication; if unpublished, the paper should be word processed, double-spaced on 8 1/2” x 11” paper, and include full references, including the Children's Literature Research Collections resources used. Prepare a cover sheet which includes name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and origin of the paper (e.g., prepared for a course at X college, prepared for Y publication). The author's name should not appear on the manuscript itself in order to provide a blind review.
- The Kerlan Friends serve as judges, and their decision is final. They will consider: 1) description of the nature and use of unique Children's Literature Research Collections resources; 2) scholarship in the execution of the study; 3) clarity of the writing style; and 4) significance of the research topic in advancing understanding of children's literature, the writing process, the publication process, the nature of archival research, or other related disciplines. In any given year, the judges may choose to give no award.

FELLOWSHIP DEADLINES

The deadline for The Ezra Jack Keats/Kerlan Memorial Fellowship and the Marilyn Hollinshead Visiting Scholars Fund for Travel to the Kerlan Collection are due by 30 January 2012.

The Ezra Jack Keats/Kerlan Memorial Fellowship from the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation provides $1,500 to a “talented writer and/or illustrator of children’s books who wishes to use the Kerlan Collection for the furtherance of his or her artistic development.” This fellowship is intended to provide financial assistance for writers and illustrators who wish to use the original manuscripts, illustrations, and books of the Kerlan Collection in course of their professional development. Special consideration will be given to those who would find it difficult to finance a visit to the Kerlan Collection. The application is available online at http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc/kerlan/2008_Keats_app.pdf

Marilyn Hollinshead Visiting Scholars Fund for Travel to the Kerlan Collection will be available for research study in 2012. Applicants may request up to $1,500. Send a letter with the proposed purpose, plan to use specific research materials (manuscripts and art), dates, and budget (including airfare and per diem) to:
Marilyn Hollinshead Visiting Scholars Fellowship
113 Andersen Library, 222–21st Ave. S.
Mpls, MN 55455.

For more information, please visit http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc/kerlan/awards.php or call 612-624-4676.

Former Hollinshead Fellow Ted Anderson poses with the Lainey book he won at the 2011 Kerlan Award
RECENT VISITORS & RESEARCH BASED ON RESOURCES AT THE CLRC


HOLLINSHEAD REPORT FROM SYLVIA VARDELL

I was fortunate to earn a Hollinshead Fellowship and spend a week in October, 2010, at the Kerlan Collection (and CLRC) conducting research. My project focuses on the work of poet Joyce Sidman in preparation for developing a digital portfolio for using her work with children in schools and libraries. I was able to pore over all the relevant materials at the Kerlan (available at that time) and photograph many examples of manuscript pages, notes, and other materials that will be fascinating for young readers. Her work lends itself to a focus on the use of poetry across the curriculum, with an emphasis on science, so that has emerged as a thematic connection. My project is not yet complete, but I am working on developing an introduction to Sidman and her work, as well as lesson plans and program activities for teaching poetry reading and writing across the curriculum. My emphasis is on how Sidman fuses facts and poetry through examining her use or sources, her dialogue with her editor, and her research and prewriting in the writing of these books: Butterfly Eyes, Eureka!, Just Us Two, Meow Ruff, Song of the Water Boatman, The World According to Dog, Red Sings from Treetops, Ubiquitous, and Dark Emperor. In addition, I was able to interview Joyce in person and glean additional information from her web site, articles she has published, and interviews with others. My research at the CLRC and the Kerlan Collection has supported the following completed publications and presentations, in addition to the digital portfolio project that is still underway:


--Sylvia M. Vardell, Ph.D.

IN MEMORIAM

Lee Ames, illustrator and donor to the Kerlan Collection of work for four books including Make Twenty-Five Felt-Tip Drawings Out West, died June 2, 2011.

Steven Kroll, a native New York City author of 96 books for children, died March 8, 2012. A Harvard graduate, he often said that “his many smart, confident classmates at Harvard made him too intimidated to write his own books,” however he overcame that after years of being an editor. Kroll was on the Board of Trustees of the PEN American Center from 1990 to 1996 and served as chair of the Young Adult/Children’s Committee. His longtime editor, Margery Cuyler, told School Library Journal “I have lost both a friend and an author with whom I worked for almost 40 years. It’s somewhat comforting to know, at least, that his books will continue to be beloved by so many children.” He bequeathed his manuscripts to the Kerlan Collection.

Norma Sommerdorf. She was a remarkable woman who lived her eighty five years to the full extent. She donated manuscripts for both her children’s books An Elm Tree and Three Sisters and Red River Girl to the Kerlan Collection several years ago.

KERLAN FRIENDS RENEWALS, NEW MEMBERS, AND CLRC GIFTS

Thank you to all who became a Kerlan Friend, renewed membership, or donated between 2 August and 25 December 2012:
Patricia & Richard Evans (In memory of Carola Loonan Russell), Bernard and Norma Gaffron, Bonnie Graves, Elizabeth Hall, Verla Klassen, Ellen Jones, Adam Lerner (In honor of Karen Hoyle’s retirement), Nan Lightner, Jackie Lannin, Deborah Biorn, Margaret Cords, Martha Beck, Peggy Brewer, Elizabeth Askey, Gail Nordstrom, Judith Rys, Linda Perkins, Selma Richardson, Coreen Stettner Blau, Maureen Steenblock (In honor of Jean Stevenson), Katherine Smola, Rachel Smoka-Richardson, John Stewig, Mary Ann Vande Vusse, Lois VanDyck, Lerner Foundation (In honor of Karen Hoyle’s retirement).

Donations to the Kerlan Collection: Terry Nelson, the Ezra Jack Keats Foundation, R J Hoyle & Karen Nelson Hoyle (In memory of Norma Sommerdorf), May Jesseph.

Donations to the Hess Collection: Dr Fred R Erisman

Professor Fred Erisman’s monetary gifts to the Hess Collection, used for the Series Books Cataloging Project, will be more than matched by a one-time funding request from University Libraries in 2012.

--Sylvia M. Vardell, Ph.D.
After many years of service, Karen Nelson Hoyle retires as Professor and Curator for the Children's Literature Research Collections, including the Kerlan and Hess, as announced on page two. A new Curator will be named sometime in 2012. For updates, view the CLRC website http://special.lib.umn.edu/clrc or visit us on Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Childrens-Literature-Research-Collections/179403078428

20th Annual Hubbs Children’s Literature Conference—25 February 2012
The Hubbs Children's Literature Conference is an annual one-day celebration of Children's Literature that is sponsored by the College of Applied Professional Studies (CAPS) at the University of St. Thomas. This year’s 20th anniversary event will be held on Sat., February 25, 2012, 9:00-3:00, at the new Anderson Student Center on the St. Paul campus. This year’s featured authors are Newbery Award winners Christopher Paul Curtis and Linda Sue Park. Each of these acclaimed authors will address the conference audience in the morning, be available for book signings and participate in small group breakout sessions in the afternoon. The Red Balloon Bookstore will be on site selling a variety of children’s literature. Luncheon is provided and additional local authors and educators will provide afternoon breakout sessions as well. Full information and registration is available at www.stthomas.edu/education/events.

2012 Chase Lecture: Sy Montgomery—3 May 2012
4:30 p.m. in 120 Elmer L. Andersen Library, University of Minnesota
To research books, films and articles, Sy Montgomery has been chased by an angry silverback gorilla in Zaire and bitten by a vampire bat in Costa Rica, worked in a pit crawling with 18,000 snakes in Manitoba and handled a wild tarantula in French Guiana. She has been hunted by a tiger in India, and swum with piranhas, electric eels and dolphins in the Amazon. She has searched the Altai Mountains of Mongolia’s Gobi for snow leopards and hiked into the trackless cloud forest of Papua New Guinea to radiocollar tree kangaroos.

Sy’s 15 books for both adults and children have garnered many honors. The Good Good Pig, her memoir of life with her pig, Christopher Hogwood, is an international bestseller. For more information on the Chase Lecture, please visit http://www.cehd.umn.edu/CI/Literacy/chase.html or email CIinfo@umn.edu.