Fall 2020 Course Description

Instructor: Elizabeth Robinson
Course: ENGL 360
Title: Children's Literature

Description: In this course, we will survey children's literature from early fairy tale texts through very recently published texts. In our reading of these texts, we will explore
• a variety of genres: picture books, novels, poetry, and fairy tales;
• the nature, characteristics, and purposes of children's literature, and
• how the works we read are connected to the cultures and time periods in which they were produced and consider how these works both express notions of the nature of child and childhood and how they shape those notions within a culture.
In our explorations, we will apply principles of literary analysis to the texts that we read, but we will not discuss teaching practices or criteria for book selection.

Proposed Readings: • Hallett and Karasek, Folk and Fairy Tales, Concise Edition
• George MacDonald. The Princess and the Goblin
• Beatrix Potter. Peter Rabbit
• Dr. Seuss. The Cat in the Hat
• Pam Munoz Ryan. When Marian Sang
• Margarita Engle. Drum Dream Girl
• Kathi Appelt. The Underneath
• Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, The War That Saved My Life
• Linda Sue Park, A Single Shard
• Christopher Paul Curtis, Bud, Not Buddy
• Pam Munoz Ryan, Becoming Naomi Leon