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Folklore and Fairytales in Children's Literature and the Art of Marcia Brown

The M. E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, SUNY, is the repository for the papers of Marcia Brown, children's book illustrator and author and three time Caldecott Award recipient---the highest honor an American picture book illustrator can receive. To highlight Brown's work and the themes she addresses in her over 30 books, the University Libraries are pleased to announce the presentation of a conference entitled "Once Upon a Time: Folklore and Fairytales in Children's Literature." The conference, scheduled for March 14-15, 1997, complements the University Art Museum's exhibit, "Once Upon a Drawing: The Picture Book Illustrations of Marcia Brown," March 15-April 30, 1997. The opening reception for the exhibit is Saturday, March 15, 5-8 pm.

The conference program will include scholars addressing the following topics: folklore and fairytales, oral traditions and reading, illustrating children's picture books, and Brown's literary and artistic contributions to American picture books. The exhibit will highlight over 50 years of Brown's work as an illustrator/author with examples from all phases of the illustration process---notes, manuscripts, sketchbooks, book dummies, working drawings, wood and linoleum cuts, trial prints, color separations, and final illustrations. All materials in the exhibit are selected from the Marcia J. Brown Papers.

For conference registration or other information about the conference and/or exhibit, contact [Dorothy Christiansen](#) at (518) 442-3542 or via e-mail.

ENY/ACRL Membership Information

Members from last year should have all received a mailing in August with a membership renewal form for the next membership year, which runs September 1, 1996 to August 31, 1997. It is never too late to join for the current year, however, so if you need a membership form for yourself or someone else you know that would like to join or renew, you can obtain a form from our [web site](#) or feel free to contact [Jane Subramanian](#): by mail, F.W. Crumb Library, SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam, NY 13676; by phone, (315) 267-3326; or by email. Also, a reminder that all membership communications should now go to Jane as the membership chair. Some communications have still been going to Sharon Britton, previous membership chair, and although Sharon has been prompt about passing things on to the proper location, the direct line is of course the speediest and most efficient. If you have any opportunity to mention the organization to non-members, we would appreciate your encouragement for them to join our numbers.

New on the State Library's Homepage

The New York State Library has recently updated both the look and the content of its home page on the Internet.

Please visit the New York State Library home page at <http://unix2.nysed.gov> and see the "new look".

Some of the new features include full texts of [New York State documents](#); a separate page dedicated to the [New York Library Association Government Information Roundtable Notable Documents Award winners](#) beginning with 1996 ; and [finding guides to special collections](#) in the Manuscripts/Special Collections area .

Research Residency Program

The New York State Library is seeking applications for its 1997 Research Residency awards. The State Library offers these awards to recognize and encourage individual research and to promote the use of its collections in scholarly research. The Library has a special interest in supporting research and publications relating to the history, culture, environment, and public policy of New York State.

Five awards are available. While the residency does not include a monetary stipend, Research Residents receive direct borrowing privileges and access to the reference, database, photoduplication and interlibrary loan services of the State Library.

Applicants must submit: 1) an application form, 2) a resume that includes the names and addresses of three references and a list of any relevant publications, and 3) a formal description of their research project in two pages or fewer, by March 1, 1997. They should also include a statement of the relevance of the New York State Library's collection to their project.

Special consideration will be given to research projects that will use unique resources of the State Library and improve access to the State Library's collection. Research projects should be intended for publication.

Research Residents are expected to complete their research at the New York State Library by December 1997. They may be asked to give a brief public lecture based on their research project.

Some of the New York State Library collection strengths include North American history (with special emphasis on New York State, New England, and the Mid-Atlantic region), New Netherland studies; Native American anthropology and archeology, local and family histories, New York State and Federal government documents, constitutional convention materials, United States patents and trademarks, geological and soil surveys, early 20th century radical literature, World War I posters, American sheet music from 1790 to 1950, and political and theatrical broadsides.

Contact for more information is Research Residency Committee, New York State Library, State Education Department, Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230, Attention: [Linda Braun](#), Chair, (518) 474-2274.

Joint Symposium Conference Planned

On Friday March 21, ACRL/NY Metropolitan and the ACRL Eastern New York chapters are co-sponsoring a symposium titled "New York Academic Libraries Collaborating for the Future." The program will focus on the need for various collaborative efforts in order for academic libraries to progress and expand in the 21st century. The symposium will be held on the campus of SUNY New Paltz and will include the opportunity to tour the library. Lunch and other refreshments are included in the \$35 cost for the all day symposium.

William Miller, the president of ACRL/National, will be the keynote speaker in the morning followed by a panel of reactors. The afternoon presenters will include Dottie Hiebing, the Executive Director of the New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency (METRO); Nancy Kranich, the Associate Dean of New York University Libraries; Mary Summerfield, coordinator of the Mellon Online Books Project; Lisa Livingston, the Director of Instructional Media at City College, CUNY; and Marsha Ra, Director of Library Services CUNY Central Office; and others.

Registration forms will be mailed to ENY/ACRL members in early February.

For additional information contact co-chairs: [Lynne King](#), the Sage Colleges, at 518-270-3106 or [Lois Cherepon](#), St. John's University, at 718-390-4521.

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