



## Call for Manuscripts

As editors of the *Journal of Children's Literature*, a refereed journal of the Children's Literature Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English, we invite those interested in issues and topics related to children's and young adult literature to submit manuscripts for publication in future issues. We request articles that are grounded in current theory and research, features about authors and/or illustrators of children's books, reviews of research, creative teaching strategies at all levels from elementary to college, criteria for evaluating literary works, and current issues relative to children's literature. Submissions may be articles, reviews, interviews, letters, or essays.

Sections of the journal include:

- **Concepts and Themes.** These refereed articles focus on trends, recent research, issues of critical theory, genre studies, and other concerns. Upcoming themes include:

Open Theme (Spring 2009)

Due: October 1, 2008

We invite manuscripts that address issues related to children's literature for this open themed issue.

Languages, Literacies, and Literature (Fall 2009)

Due: March 1, 2009

Literature can be both a mirror in which readers see their own lives and cultures reflected and a window through which they view lives and cultures different from their own. Many children's literature journals have focused on the importance of multicultural literature in recent years. This issue will focus specifically on the relationship between language and culture in children's literature. Authors might wish to submit manuscripts related to international literature, children's literature highlighting language learning as a component of the immigrant experience, or bilingual or multi-lingual texts. In particular, we are interested in exploring how children's literature helps readers develop an appreciation for multiple languages including their own.

- **Creative Process**

This section of the journal will contain interesting and lively refereed articles and interviews by and about children's authors and illustrators and their work that will give us insight into the creative process. If possible, these interview and articles should also reflect the theme of the journal for which they are submitted. We believe that understanding more about the creative process enhances our knowledge about the literature that we share with students and that is the focus of our own research.

- **A Dozen Great Books**

We invite submissions of brief annotated lists of 12 great books that fit the theme of a particular issue or another topic of interest to readers. The books listed in this feature must be those that are currently in print. Several of these "A Dozen Great Books" features by various contributors will be included in each issue of the journal. This feature of the journal is not peer reviewed.

**Manuscript Guidelines:** Manuscripts should not exceed twenty double-spaced, typed pages. Use APA (5th edition) format. Author's name, mailing address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and school/professional affiliation should be on a separate cover page. The author's name or any reference that would enable a reviewer to know who the author is should not appear on the

manuscript. Please indicate in the cover letter which themed issue the manuscript is being submitted for. Manuscripts will not be sent out for peer review until this information is provided. All manuscripts will be reviewed by at least two members of the editorial board. Decisions will be made within 8-12 weeks of publication of the journal for which the submission was made. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

**Please submit all manuscripts to the co-editors, Cyndi Giorgis and April Bedford at [jcl@unlv.edu](mailto:jcl@unlv.edu).**

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