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The 9th Symposium of the International Research Society for Children's Literature was held on September 4-8, 1989, in Salamanca, Spain. The conference theme was "Aspects and Issues in the History of Children's Literature," and forums were organized around the following subthemes: Relationship to the history of childhood, Relationships with the literature for adults, Significant periods in children's literature, Historical poetics (e.g. Genres, motifs, themes, etc.), Aspects of national histories of children's literature, Inter-relationship among national literatures, Periodization and other methodical problems.

Several Canadian speakers attended this conference.

Conference 1989: L'enfance à l'heure des loisirs. 12-13-14 octobre. Centre universitaire, Université d'Ottawa.

Pour la conférence annuelle de 1989, l'Association pour les services préscolaires d'Ottawa-Carleton a décidé de mettre l'accent sur les loisirs chez l'enfant d'âge préscolaire.

Les parents, éducateur-trice-s, gardien-ne-s et autres intervenant-e-s relié-e-s au domaine préscolaire pourront se renseigner auprès de professionnel-le-s sur les divers aspects des loisirs. Il y aura des ateliers portant sur le jeu, la musique, la lecture, les sports, la télévision et beaucoup d'autres. Pour de plus amples renseignements, veuillez téléphoner Daniella Galipeau ou Francine Fraser-Lefebvre au (613) 238-2526 ou 238-2658.

The 1989 Vancouver Writers Festival, Granville Island October 25 to 29. Topics will range from science fiction and mystery novels, to non-fiction, journalism and business writing. There will be several exchanges between authors from other cultures and *a special program for children, young adults and families.*

Tickets and additional information: phone (604) 681-4793, or write 1405 Anderson St., Vancouver, B.C. V6H 3M8.

Children's book enthusiasts in Guelph announce the formation of a Children's Literature Roundtable, the 23rd to be formed in Canada in a network which now exists from coast to coast. Membership is open to anyone interested in children's books. For information phone (519) 837-0174 or 836-4956.

Margaret Crawford Maloney, Head of the Osborne Collection of early children's Books and the Lillian H. Smith and the Canadiana Collections of the Toronto Public Library, together with Justin G. Schiller, President of Justin G. Schiller Ltd., North America's foremost antiquarian bookselling firm specializing in historical children's literature, gave a five-day course entitled "Historical Children's Literature 1744-1900" at the Rare Book School 1989, Columbia University School of Library Service, New York.

Debbie Rogosin has been named as the new Executive Director of The Canadian Children's Book Centre in Toronto. Ms. Rogosin has held positions at the National Book Centre, the Metropolitan Toronto Reference Library, The Toronto Public Library and the Association of Canadian Publishers. A native of Brandon, Manitoba, Ms. Rogosin graduated with a B.A. in anthropology from Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario. As the fifth Executive Director in the 13 year history of The Canadian Children's Book Centre, she succeeds Kathy Lowinger, who has left to become the head of the new children's publishing division at Lester & Orpen Dennys.

Awards

Brian Doyle, *Easy Avenue* published by Greenwood, has been awarded the 1989 **Canadian Library Association Book of the Year for Children Award**. Runners-up are Welwyn Wilton Katz, *The third magic* (Groundwood) and Marlene Nourbese Philip's *Harriet's Daughter* (The Womens Press). The **Amelia Frances Howard-Gibbon medal for illustration** has been awarded to **Kim LaFave** for his pastel watercolour and ink illustration for *Amos's sweater*. Runner-up is **Eric Beddows**, for his illustration of *Night cars* by Teddy Jam (Douglas & McIntyre). Special engraved medals were presented to Doyle and LaFave at the Book Awards Luncheon held during the CLA Annual Conference in Edmonton, on June 24, 1989.