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# 12TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

MARCH 1-2, 1979

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI  
SCHOOL OF LIBRARY SERVICE  
HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI 39401

## PROGRAM

Onva K. Boshears, Jr., Director of the Festival  
(Dean, School of Library Service)

### Performing Arts Center Auditorium

Thursday, March 1, 1979

- 8:30-10:00** **Registration**—Visit Book Sale  
**10:00-11:00** **Welcome**—Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, President,  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Introduction of Guests  
**Speaker:** Dr. Thomas G. Aylesworth—  
“Trials and Tribulations of Writing  
Non-Fiction for Kids”
- 11:00-12:00** **Tour of Exhibits**—The de Grummond  
Collection
- 11:00-12:00** **Viewing of Children's Films**
- 12:15** **Luncheon** (Tickets \$4.75) University  
Commons  
**Speaker:** Barbara Corcoran—“Pressure  
Groups That Bend Their Efforts  
Toward Children's Books”
- 1:15- 2:15** **Tour of Exhibits**
- 1:15- 2:15** **Viewing of Children's Films**
- 2:15- 3:00** **Speaker:** Ann McConnell—“The Search for  
Excellence”
- 3:00- 4:45** **Autograph Party**
- 8:00** Presentation of the University of Southern  
Mississippi Medallion to Leonard Everett  
Fisher  
**Acceptance Address:** “Reflections” by  
Mr. Fisher
- 9:00** **Hospitality Hour** (Tickets \$3.00)

### Performing Arts Center Auditorium

Friday, March 2, 1979

- 8:30- 9:30** Late Registration

- 9:15-10:15** Discussion of 1979 Newbery and Caldecott  
Awards: Ellen Raskin, **The Westing  
Game**, Newbery Medal; Paul Goble, **The  
Girl Who Loved Wild Horses**, Caldecott  
Medal. Katherine Paterson, **The Great Gilly  
Hopkins**, Newbery Honor Book; Donald  
Crews, **Freight Train**, Caldecott Honor  
Book; and Peter Parnall, **The Way to Start a  
Day**, Caldecott Honor Book. Discussion  
Leader: Ann McConnell

- 9:15-10:15** **Viewing of Children's Films**

- 9:15-10:15** **Exhibits**

- 10:30-11:30** **Speaker:** Barbara Corcoran—“Writing  
Fiction for Young Readers”

- 11:30-12:30** **Discussion of Newbery and Caldecott  
Awards for 1979**

- 11:30-12:30** **Viewing of Children's Films**

- 11:30-12:30** **Exhibits**

- 11:30-12:30** **Autograph Session**

- 12:30** **Luncheon** (Tickets \$4.75) University  
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- Speaker:** Barbara Bryant—“Film and  
Literature”

- 1:30** **Adjournment**

**NOTE:** Books and facsimiles of previous  
festival medallions will be on sale in  
the lobby of the Performing Arts  
Center from 8:30 to 4:30 on  
Thursday and from 8:30 to 12:30  
on Friday.

"Surely it would be less arrogant, and truer to the evidence, to say that the peculiarity of child readers is that they are not peculiar. It is we who are peculiar. Fashions in literary taste come and go among the adults, and every period has its own shibboleths. These, when good, do not improve the taste of children, and, when bad, do not corrupt it; for children read only to enjoy. Of course their vocabulary and general ignorance make some books unintelligible to them. But apart from that, juvenile taste is simply human taste, going on from age to age, silly with a universal silliness or wise with a universal wisdom, regardless of modes, movements, and literary revolutions."

C. S. Lewis  
On Juvenile Taste