

Children's Literature Sessions at MLA sponsored by MLA Children's  
Literature Division and Children's Literature Association:

1980:

MLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature as Propaganda - Francelia Butler
2. Organizational Meeting of the Division on Children's Literature - no chair listed

ChLA sessions:

1. Poetry for Children: Definitions and Directions - Douglas Street
2. Children's Literature and Allied Fields - Rachel Fordyce

1981:

MLA sessions:

1. Historical Criticism in Children's Literature - Elizabeth Francis
2. The Publishing of Criticism in Children's Literature - Ruth McDonald

ChLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature: The Writer, the Editor, & the Audience - Marilyn Apseoff
2. The Children's Novel: Is the Child the Implied Reader in the Texts? - Lynne Rosenthal
3. Children's Literature: Target for Censorship in the 1980s - Taimi Ranta

1982:

MLA sessions:

1. A Case for Illustration in Children's Books: George Cruikshank - Peter Neumeyer
2. The Impact of Disney on Children's & Young Adults Literature - Glenn Edward Sadler
3. What is Adolescent Literature? - Glenn Edward Sadler

ChLA sessions:

1. But Is It (Children's) Poetry? - Peter Neumeyer
2. Children's Literature: Tradition & the Individual Talent - Anita Moss
3. Mapping the Myths of Modern Children's Literature - John Cech

1983:

MLA sessions:

1. Approaches to Teaching Children's Literature: A Workshop - Glenn Sadler
2. Historical Approaches to Children's Literature - Anita Moss

ChLA sessions:

1. Realism in Children's Literature - Celia Anderson
2. Adolescent Literature - Taimi Ranta

1984:

MLA Sessions:

1. The Problems of Method in Children's Literature - Roderick McGillis
2. Literary Experience in Early Childhood - Elizabeth Segel
3. Multicultural Perspectives on Children's Literature - Taimi Ranta

ChLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature: Historical & Period Fiction - Jerry Griswold
2. Children's Literature: Picture Books & Fantasies Based on Stories from the Oral Tradition  
- Jill May

MLA Children's Lit. Division/ChLA panels

1985:

MLA sessions:

1. Sexuality & Sensuality in Literature for Children & Young Adults - Lois Kuznets
2. Media in Children's Literature - Jill May
3. Children's Literature & the Art of Nonfiction - Janice Alberghene

ChLA sessions:

1. Midwestern Writers for Children - Virginia Wolf
2. Children's Literature in Adult Literature Courses - Malcolm Usrey

1986:

MLA Sessions:

1. Nonsense in Children's Literature - Celia Anderson
2. Americans Abroad - Louisa Smith
3. Critical Approaches to Children's Poetry - Janis Svilpis

ChLA sessions:

1. Publishing Monographs about Children's Literature - Virginia Wolf
2. Innovation in Children's Literature - Virginia Wolf

1987:

MLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature & the West - no chair listed
2. Young Adult Literature on the Couch: Problems of Adolescence - Jack Zipes
3. Childhood Reading Experience - Perry Nodelman

ChLA sessions:

1. Theoretical & Critical Approaches to Children's Literature Written before 1850 - Lois Kuznets
2. Nonfiction, Faction, & Fiction: Personal & Public History in Children's Literature - Frances Smith Foster

1988:

MLA sessions:

1. Narrative Theory in Children's Literature - Peter Hunt
2. Illustrators of Children's Literature - Louisa Smith
3. The Issue of Satire & Humor in Children's Literature - Nancy Huse

ChLA sessions:

1. Psychoanalysis & Children's Literature - Hamida Bosmajian
2. The Continuity of Children's Literature - Caroline Hunt

1989:

MLA sessions:

1. Double Messages: What's Involved in Canonization? - Nancy Huse
2. The Outsider in Children's Literature - Craig Werner
3. The Conflict between the Author's Consciousness & the Child's Nature in Children's Literature - J. D. Stahl

ChLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature & Autobiography - Janice Alberghene
2. Nineteenth-Century Illustration: Aspects of Interaction between Text & Pictures - William Touponce

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1990:

MLA sessions:

1. Censorship & the Politics of Control - Lissa Paul
2. The Family as Fictional Construct in Children's Literature - Richard Flynn
3. Reviewing Children's Literature: The Current Issues - George Bodmer

ChLA sessions:

1. Celebrating Maurice Sendak: Illustrator & Author - Jan Susina
2. The Concept of the Male Child in Children's Literature - Nancy Huse

1991:

MLA sessions:

1. Eleanor Cameron - J.D. Stahl
2. Kiddie Lit(e): The Dumbing Down of Children's Literature - Jan Susina
3. Music in Children's Literature - Louisa Smith

ChLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature & the Golden West - Celia Anderson
2. Nuclear Literature for Youth: Directions of Criticism - Millicent Lenz

1992:

MLA sessions:

1. Arthurian Legends & Child Readers - Joel Chaston
2. Theories of Class in Children's Literature - Ian Wojcik-Andrews
3. The Representation of the Body in Children's Literature - Patricia Pace

ChLA sessions:

1. Ecology & the Child - Betty Greenway
2. The Constitution of a Fragmented Self in Children's Literature - Eva-Maria Metcalf

1993:

MLA sessions:

1. Literature by Children - Ruth Bottigheimer
2. Evasions & Confrontations: Facing the Unthinkable in Children's Literature - A. Waller Hastings
3. The Arts & All Things: Northrop Frye & Children's Literature - Roderick McGillis

ChLA sessions:

1. Feminist Theory, Cultural Studies, & Children's Literature - Beverly Lyon Clark
2. Translation & Children's Literature - Catherine Baumann

1994:

MLA sessions:

1. Ideologies & Nonfiction: Issues of Gender, Race, & Class - Ian Wojcik-Andrews
2. Writers of Color: Issues of Gender - Margaret Higonnet
3. Children's Material Culture - Richard Flynn

ChLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature & New Historicism - Lynne Vallone
2. Literary History & Children's Literature - Mitzi Myers

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1995:

MLA sessions:

1. RBorderS in Children's Literature - Marilyn Olson
2. Forgotten Authors: Challenges to Literary History - Lynne Vallone
3. Targets & Terrorism: Violence in Literature, Film, & Video for the Young - Roderick McGillis

ChLA sessions:

1. Ursula K. Le Guin: A Voice for Both Adults & Children - Michael Cadden
2. Children's Literature in the Foreign Language Classroom - Amy Horning Marschall

1996:

MLA sessions:

1. Perspectives on Children's Theatre - Patricia Pace
2. Children's Literature and Lesbian/Gay Studies - Kenneth Kidd
3. Changing Children's Poetry - Lissa Paul

ChLA sessions:

1. The Place and Politics of Children's Literature in Literary Studies - Jan Susina
2. Mystery in Children's Literature - Jill May

1997:

MLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature Before 1500: What Is It? How Do We Know It Is For Children? - Gillian Adams
2. Sequential Art for Children: Comics, Comic Strips, and Picture Books - Teya Rosenberg & William Moebius
3. Children and the Law/Lawless Children - Ian Wojcik-Andrews

ChLA sessions:

1. Censorship in Children's Literature: A Reconsideration - Anita Tarr
2. Nightmares in the Closet: Fear in Children's Literature - Donna White

1998:

MLA sessions:

1. The Child and the Empire - Michelle Martin
2. Imaginative Geographies: Colonialism and Travel in Children's Literature - Katharine Capshaw Smith
3. After Alice: Lewis Carroll and Children's Literature - Jan Susina

ChLA sessions:

1. Diasporic Children: Deracination or Assimilation? - Meena Khorana
2. Working Children: Representations of and by Laboring Children Past and Present - Judith Plotz

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1999:

MLA sessions:

1. Magical Realism and Children's Literature - Teya Rosenberg & Donna White
2. Reviving Ophelia? Female Adolescent Experience in Young Adult Literature - June Cummins & Karen Coats
3. Children's Literature & the Epistolary Tradition - Anne K. Phillips

ChLA sessions:

1. Rites of Passage in Picture Books for Children: Isolation & Inhumanity As Factors for Character Development in Picture Books for Young Children - Christel Yount
2. Perspectives on Poetry & Verse from Children - Glenna Sloan

2000:

MLA sessions:

1. Revisioning Literary Classics for Children - Naomi Miller
2. Theorizing Multiculturalism in Children's Literature - June Cummins and Michelle Martin
3. Surveillance in Children's Literature - Jackie Stallcup

ChLA sessions:

1. Genre in Children's Literature - A. Waller Hastings
2. Romancing Children's Literature - Elizabeth Goodenough

2001:

MLA sessions:

1. The Politics and Poetics of Harry Potter - Dan Hade and Jack Zipes
2. Lost Boys - Donna White
3. Open Topic - Katharine Capshaw Smith

ChLA sessions:

1. The South in Literature for Children - Sylvia Patterson Iskander
2. Women as Publishers/Editors of Children's Literature - Diana Chlebek

2002:

MLA sessions:

1. Guns and Barbies--A. Waller Hastings
2. Children's Literature and the Academy: A Roundtable Discussion--Lynne Vallone
3. Children's Periodicals--Kenneth Byron Kidd

ChLA sessions:

1. Children's Film and Cinema--Ian Wojcik-Andrews
2. Ethnicity and Picture Books--June S. Cummins

2003:

MLA sessions:

1. Children's Literature and Trauma--Katharine Capshaw Smith
2. "She Must Be Raggin'!" Children's Literature and Menstruation--Lisa Rowe Fraustino and Michelle H. Martin
3. Tolkien and the 21st Century--Joseph T. Thomas, Jr.

ChLA sessions:

1. Elements of Design: The Role of Book Design in Children's Literature--Jan Susina
2. Virginia Hamilton: A Celebration -- Yvonne K. Atkinson and Michelle Pagni Stewart