

Childhood Classics: 100 Years of Children's Book Illustrations– Talking Points

On View June 22, 2019–September 1, 2019

- The exhibition features over 140 examples of children's book illustrations from 61 different illustrators, all noted for their impact on children's literature and early readers over the last century.
- Divided amongst seven sections, the exhibition explores prominent themes related to children's literature, giving context to the history of children's book illustrations, and how they transformed into the stories we know and love today. Those seven areas are:
 1. The Caldecott Award
 2. Banned Books
 3. Classic Characters and Themes
 4. Tales and Legends
 5. Little Golden Books
 6. Expanding Diversity
 7. Learning to Read
- In the 'Learning to Read' space, guests are invited to pick a book from the stack provided, find a comfortable seat, and read quietly. Wall text is placed at child's eye-level that reads 'shhhh... Quiet zone!' as a reminder for guests to be respectful of others enjoying the space.
- The illustrations of Garth Williams, Maurice Sendak, Dr. Seuss, and Beatrix Potter are represented in the exhibition, tying in with the Storybook Houses on Cheekwood's grounds
 - Guests visiting *Childhood Classics* should be encouraged to seek out each of the five Storybook Houses during their Cheekwood visit.

