

December Book Discussion at the CCBC

Since 1981 the Cooperative Children's Book Center has offered hands-on discussions of newly published trade books for children and young adults. CCBC discussions are for adults, including preservice and practicing teachers and librarians and any others with an interest in literature for youth.

Join us for our next discussion on **Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 4-5:30 p.m.**, in the Elizabeth Burr Room of the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), Room 401 Teacher Education, 225 N. Mills Street, Madison. **Registration is not required but participants should read at least one or two books on the list.**

Books on our monthly discussion lists are new titles selected for discussion; they aren't CCBC book recommendations. Our book recommendations can be found on the annual [CCBC Choices](#) and included in our [CCBC-Recommended Books database](#). We also feature a new book weekly in our [book of the week](#) reviews.

MASKS CURRENTLY REQUIRED. Check the [UW-Madison COVID response](#) page to see if there are any changes closer to the meeting date.

[CCBC Book Discussion guidelines](#)

Shorter Books for December 15

Norman Didn't Do It! (Yes, He Did) by Ryan T. Higgins. Disney/Hyperion, 2021. 40 pages

Soul Food Sunday by Winsome Bingham. Illustrated by C.G. Esperanza. Abrams, 2021. 40 pages

Unbound: The Life + Art of Judith Scott by Joyce Scott with Brie Spangler and Melissa Sweet. Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. Knopf, 2021. 40 pages

We Are a Garden: A Story of How Diversity Took Root in America by Lisa Westberg Peters. Illustrated by Victoria Tentler-Krylov. Schwartz & Wade, 2021. 40 pages

When Lola Visits, by Michelle Sterling. Illustrated by Aaron Asis. Katherine Tegen Books / HarperCollins, 2021. 36 pages

Your Mama by NoNieqa Ramos. Illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara. Versify / Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2021. 32 pages

Longer Books for December 15

The Other Talk: Reckoning with My White Privilege by Brendan Kiely. Atheneum, 2021. 253 pages

Rez Dogs by Joseph Bruchac. Dial, 2021. 185 pages

You may read the books in the CCBC while the library is open. Books can also be checked out after 3pm for overnight use; they must be returned within a half hour of CCBC opening (see below for hours).

CCBC Public Service Hours Fall 2021 Semester (September 8 – December 15)

Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 7 pm; Friday, 9am – 4pm; Sunday 12:30-4 pm

CLOSING at 4 pm, November 24

CLOSED November 25-28

Guidelines for Book Discussion

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Look at each book for what it is, rather than what it is not.

- Make positive comments first. Try to express what you liked about the book and why. (e.g. "The illustrations are a perfect match for the story because....")
- After everyone has had the opportunity to say what they appreciated about the book, you may talk about difficulties you had with a particular aspect of the book. Try to express difficulties as questions, rather than declarative judgments on the book as a whole. (e.g. "Would Max's dinner really have still been warm?" rather than "That would never happen.")
- Avoid recapping the story or book-talking the book. There is not time for a summary.
- Refrain from relating personal anecdotes. The discussion must focus on the book at hand.
- Try to compare the book with others on the discussion list, rather than other books by the same author or other books in your experience.

All perspectives and vocabularies are correct. There is no "right" answer or single correct response.

- Listen openly to what is said, rather than who says it.
- Respond to the comments of others, rather than merely waiting for an opportunity to share your comments.
- Talk with each other, rather than to the discussion facilitator.
- Comment to the group as a whole, rather than to someone seated near you.