

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 14, 2022, 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 in the annual [CCBC Choices](#) list and included in our [CCBC-Recommended Books database](#). We also feature a new book weekly in our [book of the week](#) reviews.

Check the [UW-Madison COVID response](#) page for current mask requirements closer to the meeting date.

Future CCBC Book Discussion Date: Discussions will resume in March 2023, dates TBD

[CCBC Book Discussion guidelines](#)

Shorter Books for December 14

A Bear Far from Home by Susan Fletcher. Illustrated by Rebecca Green. Anne Schwartz Books, 2022. 32 pages

Gibberish by Young Vo. Levine Querido, 2022. 32 pages

Leo + Lea by Monica Wesolowska. Illustrated by Kenard Pak. Scholastic, 2022. 40 pages

Luli and the Language of Tea by Andrea Wang. Illustrated by Hyewon Yum. Neal Porter Books / Holiday House, 2022. 32 pages

Maya's Song by Renée Watson. Illustrated by Bryan Collier. Harper, 2022. 48 pages

My Brother Is Away by Sara Greenwood. Illustrated by Luisa Uribe. Random House Studio, 2022. 32 pages

A River's Gifts: The Mighty Elwha River Reborn by Patricia Newman. Illustrated by Natasha Donovan. Millbrook Press, 2022. 48 pages

Longer Books for December 14

The Bluest Sky by Christina Diaz Gonzalez. Knopf, 2022. 314 pages

Man Made Monsters by Andrea L. Rogers. Levine Querido, 2022. 315 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 2022

September 7-December 14: Monday-Thursday, 9am-7pm; Friday, 9am-4pm; Sunday, 12:30-4pm

November 24-27: Closed

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.