



**CHILDHOOD CLASSICS:  
100 YEARS OF CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATION**  
On view at the Huntington Beach Art Center  
July 9 - August 20, 2022

**Free and Open to the Public | Family Friendly Events**

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The Huntington Beach Art Center announces the summer exhibition, CHILDHOOD CLASSICS: 100 YEARS OF CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATION from the Art Kandy Collection, on view July 9 - August 20, 2022.

The exhibition and associated free public events are made possible by generous sponsorship from community leader Janet Johnson, The Huntington Beach Art Center Foundation, and [Friends of the Huntington Beach Public Library](#) (FOTL). With over 140 original works included from over 75 books, CHILDHOOD CLASSICS is presented in partnership with the [Huntington Beach Public Library](#).

The exhibition is one of the most extensive presentations on the subject of children's book illustration ever organized. The show explores the history of children's books from the turn of the century pen and ink Mother Goose art of Sarah Noble Ives, to the most popular works of today, including the digital creations of Mo Willems.

CHILDHOOD CLASSICS was curated from the collection of Lois Sarkisian and Lee Cohen, the co-founders of *Every Picture Tells A Story* – the innovative and influential gallery the couple owned and operated in Los Angeles for over a quarter century. The exhibition was organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions in association with [Art Kandy](#).

Special events include children's film screenings, guest lectures, and community workshops in illustration, bookmaking, journaling and more. Events are hosted onsite at the Art Center as well as the Main Street and Central Libraries. Visit the [exhibition webpage](#) for a complete list of events and activities.

Operated in private/public partnership with The City of Huntington Beach, The Huntington Beach Art Center is located at 538 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648. For the most up to date information, visit [www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org](http://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org) or call 714-374-1650.

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**Exhibition Website**

<https://www.huntingtonbeachartcenter.org/upcoming-exhibition-childhood-classics-100-years-of-childrens-book-illustration.html>

**Hours of Operation**

Tuesday - Wednesday, 12 - 6pm  
Thursday, 12 - 8pm  
Friday - Saturday, 12 - 5pm

**Schedule of Events**

Public Reception	July 9	Saturday	2:00 - 5:00 PM
Film Screening: <i>Peter Rabbit</i>	July 16	Saturday	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Film Screening: <i>Charlotte's Web</i>	July 23	Saturday	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Tea Party	July 28	Thursday	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Film Screening: <i>Stuart Little</i>	August 13	Saturday	1:00 - 2:30 PM
Exhibition closes	August 20	Saturday	

Additional programming is in development. Check the [exhibition website](#) for updated information.

**Huntington Beach Art Center Mission Statement**

The Huntington Beach Art Center (HBAC) is a community arts and cultural center serving Huntington Beach and the Southern California region. The Art Center opened its doors to the public in 1995 and presents the works of artists producing artworks in all media. Through exhibitions, performances, film/video screenings, lectures, and educational programming, HBAC serves to advance public awareness and understanding of cultural, historic, and contemporary perspectives.



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