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“The World of William Joyce,” an Exhibition of the Award-Winning Author and Illustrator’s Works, will be extended through August 15, at the Central Library, Downtown

**Joyce’s credits include best selling author of “Rolie Polie Olie,” creative contributor to films “Toy Story” and “Bugs,” and a *New Yorker* cover illustrator**

“The World of William Joyce,” an exhibit of artwork that captures the whimsical nature of the award-winning children’s author, illustrator and filmmaker, will now be on display through Aug. 15, 2010, at the downtown Central Library’s First Floor Galleries, 630 W. Fifth St. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

Joyce is the winner of two Emmy Awards for his Disney Channel animated series, “William Joyce’s Rolie Polie Olie.” His book “George Shrinks” has been made into a daily PBS cartoon series. He has also lent his creative expertise to the animated feature films “Toy Story” and “Bugs,” and is the producer and production designer for the animated feature, “Robots.” His paintings are displayed at national museums and art galleries and his illustrations have appeared on numerous covers including *The New Yorker*, *Oxford American* and the *The New York Times Book Review*.

Known for his striking drawings and adventurous storytelling, 53-year-old Joyce wrote his first book in the fourth grade. He went onto become a best-selling children’s author, and was named by *Newsweek* magazine as “one of the top 100 people to watch in the new millennium.” Joyce’s best-selling books include “Rolie Polie Olie,” “Dinosaur Bob,” “Santa Calls” and “The Leaf Man and the Brave Good Bugs.”

“The Los Angeles Public Library is happy to provide a venue for these illustrations that encourage reading, imagination and an appreciation for fine art,” said Toria Aiken, curator of the Central Library’s First Floor Galleries. “Any child or adult can

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appreciate the riveting details in these images that reveal a creative genius who captures in vivid colors the true essence of imaginative storytelling.”

The images in the exhibit, selected for their artistic flair and attention to detail, are part of a traveling exhibit sponsored by the National Center for Children’s Literature, a Texas based nonprofit agency dedicated to bringing quality art and literature to communities across the nation.

A graduate of Southern Methodist University, where he studied filmmaking and illustration, Joyce now lives in Shreveport, LA with his wife and two children.

The exhibit, “World of William Joyce,” is free and open to the public during library hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on holidays. For more information, visit [www.lapl.org/events](http://www.lapl.org/events) or call (213) 228-7500.

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The Central Library is located in Council District 9, represented by City Councilmember Jan Perry.

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