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June 8-11, 2023

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Welcome to the Storybook Capital of America®!

We hope you'll go "batty" for the 11th Children's Art + Literacy Festival (CALF) featuring the books of award-winning illustrator Brian Lies, whose original artwork will be on exhibit this summer at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL). The CALF theme is based on the artist on exhibit each summer at the NCCIL.

We can't wait to unveil our newest addition to the Storybook Sculpture Project inspired by Brian's book *The Rough Patch*, which brings our collection to nearly 40 sculptures, the largest collection of its kind in the nation!

The Abilene Cultural Affairs Council plans the festival with the help of arts partners, generous sponsors, and hundreds of volunteers.

More than 5,400 people from 172 cities and 17 states attended last year's festival. Spread your wings and get ready to swoop into the Abilene Cultural District for four days of CALF fun!

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President,
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Chair

Riley Arnold,
CALF Director



ABOUT BRIAN LIES

Brian Lies (rhymes with “cheese”) was born in Princeton, N.J., and graduated from Brown University with a degree in British and American Literature. He did postgraduate study at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, where he began exhibiting his paintings and earning prizes for his work. Brian worked as an editorial illustrator for The Christian Science Monitor and Boston Globe before illustrating his first book for Houghton Mifflin in 1989.

Since then, he has written and/or illustrated more than 30 books, including the New York Times bestselling bat books (*Bats at the Beach*, *Bats at the Library*, *Little Bat in Night School*, etc.), which have been featured on NPR and “The Martha Stewart Show.” In 2019, *The Rough Patch* received a Caldecott Honor, a Massachusetts Book Award Honor, and a Crystal Kite award from the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators. His latest work is *Wombat Said Come In*, written by award-winning author Carmen Agra Deedy.



ON EXHIBIT:

“Brian’s Magnificent Garden”
June 8-Sept. 26, 2023



**Buy
Books
Here!**

BOOK SIGNINGS

- Thursday night at the Paramount Theatre immediately following “Sketch With Brian”
- 9-11 am Friday at the NCCIL (Saturday signing has been replaced with Brian Lies workshop)

Become a NCCIL member and leave your books to be signed – no waiting in line! Join at nccil.org

DINNER WITH BRIAN

Friday, June 9
Tickets at nccil.org



**We’ll
see you
in the
garden!**

WORKSHOPS WITH BRIAN LIES

- 9-9:45 am and 10-10:45 am Saturday in the art studio
- Cost is free for NCCIL members and \$20 per child for non-members
- Brian will sign books for workshop registrants
- Limited spots. Register at nccil.org

TEACHERS FCU & BELTWAY PARK
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THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Free to the public. Festival registration not required to attend Thursday night events.

TIME



EVENT

VENUE

4-5:30 pm



Costume Contest

Elks Arts Center

Dress as your favorite Brian Lies book character and compete for prizes. See P. 21 for details. *Sponsor: Vexus Fiber*

3-8 pm



Brian Lies Art Exhibition

NCCIL

See original artwork from his most popular books at the NCCIL Gallery.

5:30-6 pm



Storybook Parade

Cypress Street

Starting at N. 1st & Cypress Streets, Storybook Capital characters reunite for a festive parade through downtown that ends at the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden. *Sponsor: Beltway Park Church*

6:15-6:30 pm



Storybook Sculpture Unveiling

**Adamson-Spalding
Storybook Garden**

Let's welcome Evan the Fox and his doggy friend!

6:30 pm



Evan's Magnificent Garden Party

**Adamson-Spalding
Storybook Garden**

Wiggle and giggle as Austin singer Joe McDermott performs on the garden stage. Enjoy food trucks and explore the garden before heading to the Paramount. *Sponsor: First Bank Texas*

7-8:40 pm



Sketch with Brian

Paramount Theatre



Watch Brian Lies draw and create art in your own sketchbook! During this interactive demonstration, learn about Brian's award-winning career. Book signing immediately follows in the Paramount lobby. Books for sale. Only books purchased from the NCCIL will be signed. Earn a CALF button by attending this event!



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	Frontier Texas! <i>Got to Get to Bear's!</i>	Reading 9-9:30	Reading 9:45-10:15	Reading 10:30-11	Reading 11:15-11:45 Reading 12-12:30
SHOWS	Majestic 173 Pine St.	Reading 9-9:30	Reading 9:45-10:15	Reading 10:30-11	Reading 11:15-11:45 Reading 12-12:30
	Minter Park 209 Cypress St.	Professor QB 9-9:40	Music with Joe McDermott 10-10:30		Professor QB 11-11:40 Music v McD 12-1
	Paramount Theatre 352 Cypress St.			Nancy & Her Friends 10-10:45	Nancy & Friends 12
	Convention Center 1100 N. 6th St.	Korncop 9-9:45			Korncop 11-11:45
	Abilene Public Library <i>Wombat Said Come In</i>		Show 9:45-10:05	Show 10:30-10:50	Show 11:15-11:35
	The Well 137 Mesquite St.	Marionette 9-9:45		Marionette 10:30-11:15	Marionette 12-12:45
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	Center for Contemporary Arts 220 Cypress St.	The S.T.E.A.M. Room / Toddler Room / Caricatures			
	Convention Center Grounds 1100 N. 6th St.	May Farm Petting Animals / Sidewalk Chalk			
	T&P Depot 1101 N. 1st St.	Food Truck			
	Abilene Philharmonic <i>The Wooten</i> , 1102 N 3rd St.	Instrument Petting Zoo 9-12			
	McKay's Bakery 266 Cypress St.	Cookie decorating (\$)			
	Face Painting 174 Cypress St.	Face painting and hair chalk			
	Everman Park 1101 N. 1st St.	Train Rides 9-12			Park Op

COLLECT BUTTONS: Earn up to 14 Brian Lies character buttons by attending



Library



NCCIL



The Well



The Grace



Center



First National Bank, Albany/Breckenridge



Philharmonic



Festival pass required for all events

1 pm		2 pm		3 pm		4 pm		5 pm		6 pm	
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Find dramatic readings and other activities!



Paramount



Convention Center



Frontier Texas!



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Sketch with Brian



Abilene Zoo



Survey

SATURDAY, JUNE 10



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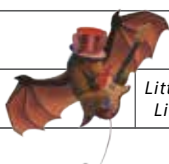
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Readings 9:30-10:00
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DAY, JUNE 11

10, 10:30, 11:30 am

ur CALF pass to the
Zoo and get in free!



DRAMATIC READINGS



The Rough Patch and *Bats in the Band*

National Center for Children's
Illustrated Literature (NCCIL)
102 Cedar St.

VENUE NOTES: Restrooms. Stroller
parking outside.

Finklehopper Frog and *Finklehopper Frog Cheers*

The Grace Museum
102 Cypress St.

VENUE NOTES: Restrooms with
diaper changing table. Stroller
parking inside. No cost to tour
museum for CALF registrants.
Spark space is closed during CALF.

Gator Dad and *Deep in the Swamp*

First National Bank, Albany/
Breckenridge
202 Cypress St.

VENUE NOTES: Restrooms. Stroller
parking outside.

Readings Sponsor:



ABILENE TEACHERS
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Celebrate Brian Lies' books with costume characters, buttons and art activities!

Some readings feature one book; some feature two shorter books.

Reading times: 9, 9:45, 10:30, 11:15 am, 12, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3*, 3:45* pm

Friday & Saturday: 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 am Sunday at the Abilene Zoo

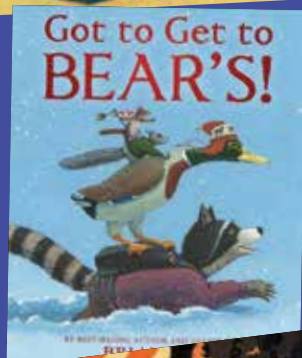
*No readings Friday at the NCCIL at these times.



Little Bat in Night School and *Little Bat Up All Day*

Community Foundation of Abilene
850 N. 1st St.

VENUE NOTES: Restrooms. Stroller parking inside.



Got to Get to Bear's!

Frontier Texas!

625 N. 1st St.

VENUE NOTES: Restrooms with diaper changing table. Stroller parking outside. Tour exhibits at a discounted price.

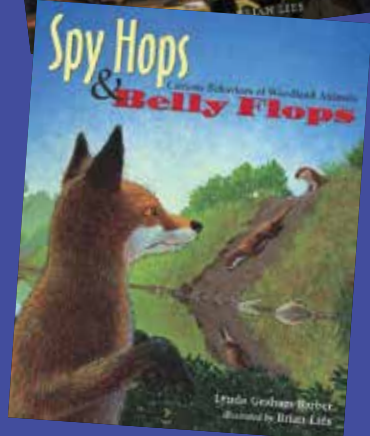


Bats at the Ballgame and *Spy Hops & Belly Flops*

Abilene Zoo

2070 Zoo Lane

VENUE NOTES: Wear your CALF pass Sunday and get into the zoo for free! Readings at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 am with animal encounters in the pavilion.



Readers Presented by:



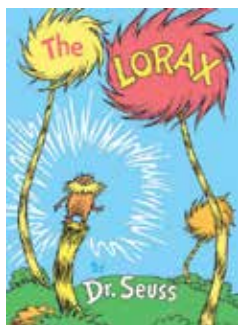
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CALF BONUS BOOKS!



Favorite festival characters from previous years are back – with some new stories! Stop by Majestic at 173 Pine St. on Friday and Saturday for a dramatic book reading and opportunity to meet a costume character and collect a vintage CALF button.



The Lorax

By Dr. Seuss

Reading Times:

9 am and 12:45 pm

Creepy Crayon!

By Aaron Reynolds & Peter Brown

Reading Times:

9:45 am and 1:30 pm



Jack Frost: The Guardians of Childhood

By William Joyce

Reading Times:

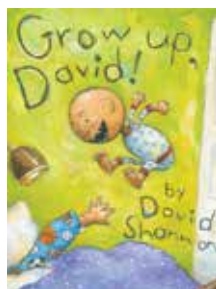
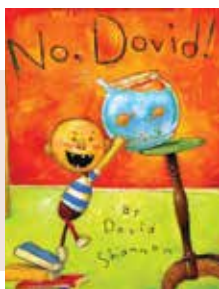
10:30 am and 2:15 pm

No, David! and Grow Up, David!

By David Shannon

Reading Times:

11:15 am and 3 pm



The Crayons' Christmas

By Drew Daywalt & Oliver Jeffers

Reading Times:

12 pm and 3:45 pm



PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

SAMPLE SCHEDULES
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VENUE

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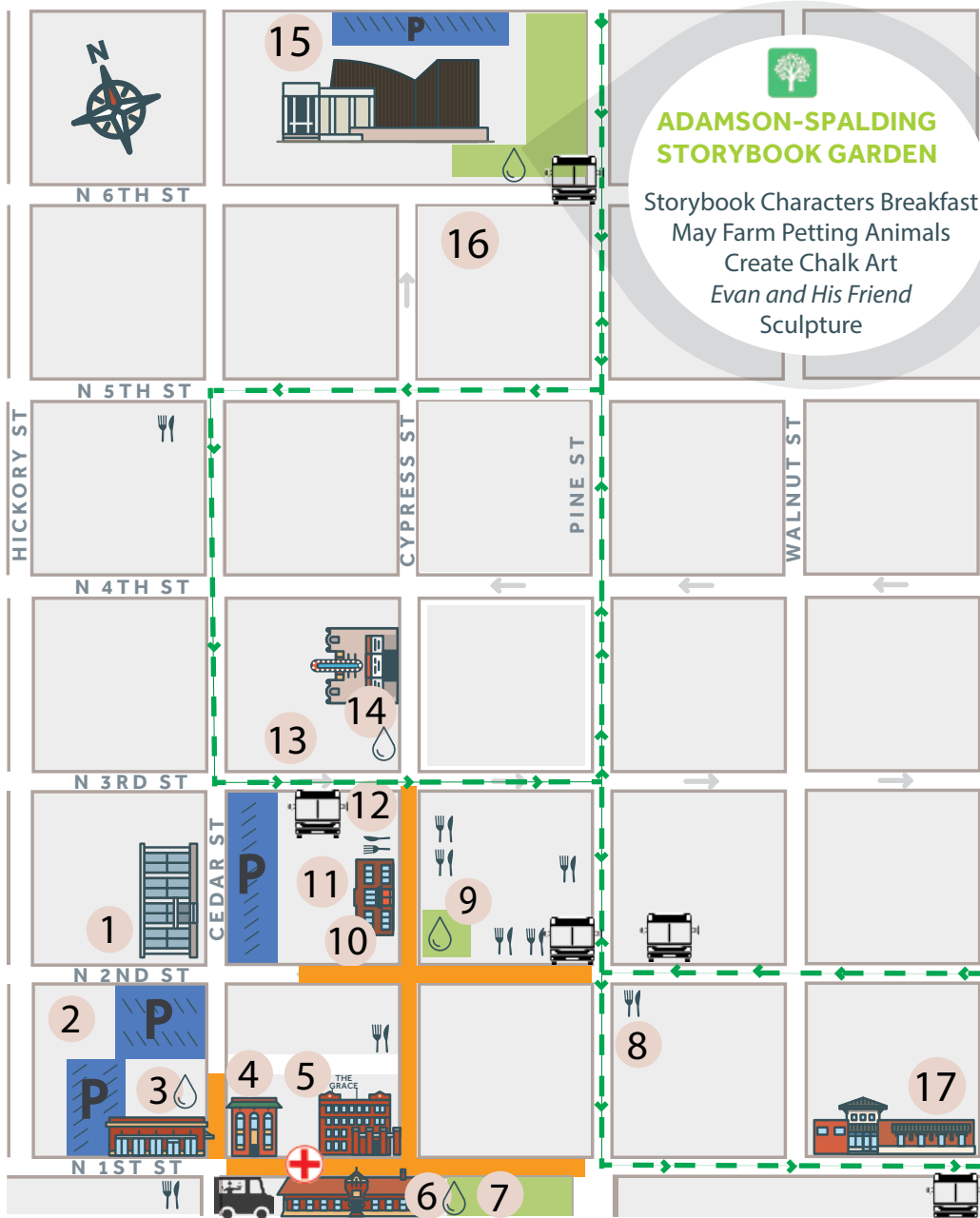
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DOWNTOWN ABILENE



Street Closed

Free Parking Lots

Free City Bus Route
9a-5p Friday & Saturday



Bus Stop



Food & Drink
See list on Pg 24



Water Station

MESQUITIST



Baby Changing Stations

VENUE



INDOOR EVENTS NO EXTRA FEE



THE S.T.E.A.M. ROOM

9 am-4 pm Friday & Saturday

Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress St.

Hands-on science experiments for kids ages 8 and older inspired by Brian Lies books. Learn about wildfires, make a working compass, create a frog tongue model and design a vehicle that floats on water!

Sponsor: Knight Carpet & Flooring



WOMBAT SAID COME IN: LIVE!

9:45, 10:30, & 11:15 am, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3 & 3:45 pm Friday & Saturday

Abilene Public Library, 202 Cedar St.

When wildfire flares up, displaced animals come knocking on Wombat's door. His house is soon overwhelmed with all kinds of Australian critters. Inspired by the book written by Carmen Agra Deedy and illustrated by Brian Lies. Directed by Gary Varner. Followed by art activity.



LITTLE BAT THE MUSICAL

5:15-6 pm Friday & Saturday

Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St.

Little Bat can't wait for his first night of school! He's excited about everything – new school supplies, learning, and making friends. But when he finally arrives, his world turns upside down in this new musical from McMurtry University Theatre based on the Brian Lies book, *Little Bat in Night School*. Original music by Penelope Ferris. Written by Matthew Lamar. Directed by Neena McLain.

Sponsor: Steve Arthur Family Foundation

TICKETED EVENTS FEE REQUIRED

YOUNG AUDIENCES' ENCHANTED EATERY

10:30 am, 11:30 am and 12:30 pm Friday & Saturday

The Wooten, 1102 N. 3rd St.

Meet knights and princesses and storybook characters while you enjoy a boxed Chick-fil-A lunch in a beautiful ballroom. Sign up for a time when you register for CALF. Air-conditioned venue. Cost is \$10 a person.

Indoor events have a limited capacity on a first come, first served basis.



LIVE BAT EXPERIENCE

11 am-2:15 pm Friday & Saturday

Community Foundation of Abilene, 850 N. 1st St.

Learn all about bats and experience an echolocation demonstration with a live bat in-between dramatic readings from the Little Bat book series. Presented by biology professors Dr. Joel Brant, McMurry University, and Dr. Tom Lee, Abilene Christian University.



NANCY & HER FRIENDS

10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm Friday & Saturday

Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St.

Ventriloquist and storyteller Nancy Burks Worcester is back with her fabulous puppet friends Larry the Crocodile and weasels Waco and Lili. **Sponsors: Atmos Energy & Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc (eHT)**



KORNGPOP BALLOON SHOWS

9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm Friday & Saturday

Abilene Convention Center foyer, 1100 N. 6th St.

Korngpop delights festival goers with his imaginative Brian Lies balloon characters and ceiling high creations! Enjoy his tricks and comedy. **Sponsor: T & T Family Foundation in Memory of Lale & BJ Estes**



INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

9 am-12 pm and 1-4 pm Friday & Saturday

Abilene Philharmonic, 1102 North 3rd St., Suite C

Let your kids discover the magic and inspiration of music by touching and playing real musical instruments and enjoying special demonstrations and performances. No zoo animals allowed! **Sponsor: Andrews Furniture**

STORYBOOK CHARACTERS BREAKFAST

8:15-9 am Friday & Saturday

Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden, Convention Center

Meet and collect autographs from 20 costumed characters, including the featured CALF 2023 characters. Enjoy pancakes with sprinkles, sausage, and fresh fruit. Cost is \$5 per person. Autograph books for sale. **Sponsor: Parkway Advisors & Fat Matt Roofing**

INDOOR EVENTS NO EXTRA FEE



LE MARIONETTE THEATER

9 am, 10:30 am & 12, 1:30, 3 & 4:15 pm Friday & Saturday
The Well Church, 137 Mesquite St.

This 25-minute show from Dallas features music and a variety of hilarious puppets. It's pure fun – with a few strings attached! After the show, make paper finger puppets.

Sponsor: James McCoy's Drug Store & Texas Commission on the Arts. In memory of Don Drennan, who loved this city.



TODDLER ROOM

9 am-4 pm Friday & Saturday
Center for Contemporary Arts, 2nd floor, 220 Cypress St.
Toddlers aged 18 months to 4 years can explore Brian Lies' *Zoo Train* book through sensory-based creative play.



READ TO A DOG

9 am-3:30 pm Friday & Saturday
Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress St.
Meet the dogs from Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation's Pet Enhanced Therapy Services and read them a book!
Sponsor: Hendrick Health



CALMING SPACES

10 am-4 pm Friday & Saturday at The Well Church, Center for Contemporary Arts, Abilene Public Library
A quiet place for children with sensory sensitivities and their families to rest and do sensory-friendly activities. Visual festival schedules and festival suggestions available.

Presented by Positive



Behavior Supports Corp. (PBS Corp.)

OUTDOOR EVENTS NO EXTRA FEE



JOE MCDERMOTT MUSIC

6:30 pm Thursday; 10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm Friday & Saturday
Minter Park, 209 Cypress St.

Get ready to laugh, sing and be wacky with Austin singer/songwriter Joe McDermott, who specializes in high-energy music for children. **Sponsor: Texas Commission on the Arts**



PROFESSOR QB

9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm Friday & Saturday
Minter Park, 209 Cypress St.

Professor QB is a premier family entertainer from East Texas who blends fun magic with silly good times. **Sponsor: The Barber Foundation**



BIRDS OF PREY SHOWS

9:15 am, 10:45 am, 12:15 pm, 1:45 pm Friday & Saturday
Frontier Texas!, 625 N. 1st St.

Sky Kings Falconry show features hawks, owls, falcons, vultures, and other raptors in a free flight program called "Raptors Revealed" that leaves audiences thrilled and amazed. 30 minutes. **Sponsors: Family Vision Associates & Willis Supply Co.**



TRAIN RIDES

9 am-12 pm & 1-4 pm Friday & Saturday
Everman Park

Hop aboard the Storybook Capital Express to tour the park and see the Dr. Seuss sculptures. One adult per family please so we can seat as many children as possible. **Sponsors: First Financial Bank and First Financial Trust and Asset Management Co.**



MAY FARM PETTING ANIMALS

9 am-4 pm Friday & Saturday
Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. 6th St.

Pet and feed a variety of furry friends from May Farm, including goats, horses, and little critters! **Sponsor: First Watch Credit Union**



EVAN'S GARDEN SPRINKLERS

Thursday night; all day Friday & Saturday
Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. 6th St.

Escape the heat by walking through a colorful, cooling misting experience. **Sponsor: Telemundo**

WORKSHOPS

All Dramatic Readings include an art activity suitable for small children at no extra cost. For older children who want to spend 45 or more minutes on a project, workshops are available for an extra cost when you register for CALF. Teachers and parents may observe workshops at no extra cost. Limit 2 workshops per child.

CALF Collectible (Age 5+)

10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm

Friday & Saturday

Paint a colorful, wooden keepsake sign 12x12 inspired by *The Rough Patch* with step-by-step instruction. Start your CALF collection and add a new design each year! *Board & Brush Creative Studio*, 1031 N. 6th St. Class size: 15. Cost is \$15.

The Poet's Pen (Age 8+)

10-11 am Friday

Create and illustrate your own book of poems! Taught by master teacher Cynthia Ladyman. *The Grace Museum 3rd Floor Classroom*. Class size: 12. Cost is \$5.

Mixed Media (Age 7+)

10-11 am & 11:30 am-12:30 pm Friday & Saturday

Create multi-media artwork inspired by *Wombat Said Come In*. Taught by art teacher Betsy Gragg on Friday and Mary K Huff on Saturday. *Abilene Convention Center foyer, upstairs Room 203/4*, 1100 N. 6th St. Class size: 12. Cost is \$5.

Make Your Own Storybook Sculpture (Age 8+)

2:30-3:30 pm Friday & 1-2 pm & 2:30-3:30 pm Saturday **SOLD OUT**

Create sculptures inspired by *The Rough Patch*. Taught Friday by Storybook Sculptor Steve Neves. Taught Saturday by art teacher Thomas Evans. *Abilene Convention Center foyer, upstairs Room 203/4*, 1100 N. 6th St. Class size: 12. Cost is \$15.

Batty for Painting (Age 8+)

2:30-3:30 pm Friday & Saturday **SOLD OUT**

Learn to paint and draw bats! Inspired by the Brian Lies book, *Bats in the Band*. Taught by art teacher Bethany Connell. *Center for Contemporary Arts*, 220 Cypress St. Class size: 12. Cost is \$10.

Origami Art for Kids (Age 8+)

1-2 pm Saturday **SOLD OUT**

Origami artist Susannah Barrington will show you how to create Brian Lies book characters with folded paper and step-by-step instruction. *Center for Contemporary Arts*, 220 Cypress St. Class size: 12. Cost is \$5.

Puppet Play (Age 7+)

10-11 am & 11:30 am-12:30 pm Friday **SOLD OUT**

Create "trash puppets" based on the Brian Lies book, *Bats in the Band*. Make your own bat band and tell the story of these musical bats through an ecofriendly puppet craft followed by a fun puppet show experience! Taught by theater arts teacher Nicole Sutphen. *Center for Contemporary Arts*, 220 Cypress St. Class size: 12. Cost is \$5.

Write & Illustrate Your Own Storybook (Age 7+)

1-2 pm Friday & Saturday

Create your very own book with the help of Abilene Writers Guild members and art teachers. *The Grace Museum upstairs classroom*, 3rd floor. Ages 7 and up. Class size: 40. Cost is \$5.

The Art of Baseball (Age 8+)

10-11 am Friday & Saturday

Inspired by the book *Bats at the Ballgame*, explore how baseball played an important role in the lives of World War II soldiers. Create art projects inspired by the book and the love of the game. *12th Armored Division Memorial Museum*, 1289 N. 2nd St. Ages 8 and up. Class size: 20. Cost is \$8.

Workshop with Brian Lies

For details, go to Page 4

Workshops
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COSTUME CHARACTER CONTEST

All ages are invited to participate by dressing as a favorite character from a book illustrated by Brian Lies! The contest consists of a simple display and turn in front of the judges in the Elks ballroom. All contestants are invited to participate in the Storybook Parade immediately following the contest Thursday.

Register: Go online to www.abilenecalf.com to pre-register and read the rules. Register in person the day of the event from 3:15-3:45 pm. No fee!

When: Registration ends at 3:45 pm. Judging starts promptly at 4 pm. Thursday

Where: Elks Arts Center, 1174 N. 1st St. Elevator available. Ideas: Check out our Pinterest page for inspiration at pinterest.com/abilenearts/

Categories:

- Ages 0-4
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8+

Prizes!

Groups: Three or more contestants with the same themed costume may enter.



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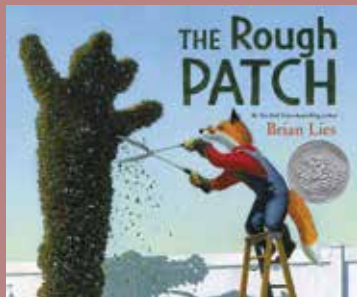


We'll welcome Evan the fox and his doggy friend to the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, June 8 on the east lawn of the Abilene Convention Center. This beautifully crafted bronze sculpture was inspired by the Brian Lies book *The Rough Patch*. The sculpture was created by local Storybook Sculptor Steve Neves and cast in bronze by Schaefer Art Bronze. The unveiling will take place after the Storybook Parade.

Abilene is home to nearly 40 storybook sculptures, which is the largest collection of its kind in America, if not the world!

"Evan and His Dog" Generously sponsored by:

- Abilene Arts Alliance
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CALF FESTIVAL SCAVENGER HUNT



The game goes live at 5:30 pm Thursday, June 8. Here's how you play:

1. Download the free GooseChase app for Android or iPhone.
2. Sign up and select a username. Team members can download the app on their own phones but must use the same username for log in.
3. Join the game by searching for 2023 Abilene CALF Goose-Chase.
4. Complete as many missions as possible by 8 pm Saturday, June 10. Complete missions by submitting creative photos, video, or text within the app.
5. Keep an eye on the real-time rankings and photo feeds to see what everyone else is up to!
6. Do not climb on the smaller sculptures to take photos. Everman Park with the Dr. Seuss sculptures is closed during train hours and open at lunchtime from 12 to 1 pm.
7. Complete at least 10 missions to pick up your Sanderson Mansnoozie button at the T&P Depot!

Sponsor:



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GRAND PRIZE WINNERS! The highest ranked team (by committee review) receives five signed Brian Lies books. Prizes will also be given for the most creative photos!

STORYBOOK AUDIO TOUR

While you are touring the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden, enjoy listening to a 2-minute excerpt from books that inspired the sculptures. Instructions:

1. Download the free app Storybook Sculpture Audio Tour for iPhone.
2. Stand within a few feet of the storybook sculptures.
3. The app will recognize you are near the sculptures.
4. The app will play a two-minute reading from the book or offer fun details!

Sponsor: Eric & Rebecca Armstrong



FOOD & DRINK

FOOD TRUCKS *T&P Depot parking lot & along N. 1st Street. Check the CALF website for updates.*

BEEHIVE 442 Cedar St. 325.675.0600. Open 11 am-1:30 pm lunch Tuesday-Friday; 5-10 pm dinner Tuesday-Saturday. Burgers, chicken fried steak, sandwiches.

BOGIE'S DOWNTOWN DELI 241 Cypress St. 325.672.3296. Open 7:30-2 pm on Friday for breakfast bagel sandwiches and 10:30 am-2 pm Saturday for lunch featuring sandwiches, salads, burgers and more.

CAITIE PIES 244 Pine St., 2nd Floor Upstairs in Under One Roof. Open Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-2 pm. Meat pies, pastries, desserts and more.

CANDIES BY VLETAS 1201 N. 1st St. 325.673.2005. Open 10 am-5:30 pm Monday-Friday and until 5 pm Saturday. Chocolates, brittles, taffy, and other goodies.

CYPRESS STREET STATION 158 Cypress St. 325.676.3463. Open 11 am-9 pm Monday-Saturday. Pasta, soup, salad, sandwiches, burgers, fries. Kids menu and full bar.

FRONT PORCH COFFEE CO. & BAKERY 702 N. 2nd St. 325-400.0288. Open 7 am-8 pm Monday-Friday, 8 am-9 pm Saturdays. Breakfast brunch, lunch restaurant and coffee shop.

GRAIN THEORY 202 Pine St. 325.704.1058. Open 9 am-9 pm Thursday; 9 am-11 pm Friday-Saturday. Fish and chips, frites, custom



saucers, bratwurst roll, sausage tray, salads, dessert and brews.

THE LOCAL 250 Cypress St. 325.232.6463. Open 10 am-3 pm and 4 pm-12 am CALF days. Taqueria, craft cocktails, queso and contemporary Mexican food.

MAJESTIC COFFEE SHOP (Dramatic Reading Venue) 181 Pine St. Open 7 am-10 pm. Coffee, teas, hot chocolate, sodas and waters. Board games, cards, study and workspace, event venue and songwriter open mic each Sunday.

MCKAY'S BAKERY (Cookie Decorating) 266 Cypress St. 325.672.9737. Open 8 am-3 pm Tuesday-Saturday. Soup, sandwiches, quiche, breakfast, cake, cookies, pie, cupcakes and cold drinks.

MONKS COFFEE SHOP 233 Cypress St. 325.437.2984. Open 7 am-10 pm CALF days. Coffee, hot and iced espresso drinks, kids drinks, bottled soda and snacks.

ROLL SHACK 202 Pine St., Suite 105. Open 12-10 pm Friday and Saturday. Hand-crafted rolled ice cream and dessert crepes.

VAGABOND PIZZA 1056 N. 2nd St. 325.268.4321. Open 11 am-2 pm & 5-9 pm Tuesday-Thursday; 11 am-2 pm & 5-10 pm Friday-Saturday. Wood-fired pizza and handmade desserts.

HOW TO REGISTER:

ONLINE: www.abilenecalf.com

IN PERSON: T&P Depot,
1101 N. 1st St.,
Abilene, TX 79601.

Open 8:30 am-5 pm weekdays and until
noon Fridays. Hours extended CALF weekend.

For Questions:

EMAIL: info@abilenecac.org

BY PHONE: 325-677-1161



Scan QR code
to register



WHEN TO REGISTER:

Register online from February until 5 pm Wednesday, June 7. Then register in person.



FESTIVAL PASSES

Thursday night events are free and no pass is required. A pass is required to attend Friday and Saturday events.

Children 2 and under are free (no lanyard or buttons provided). All children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Everyone 3 and older needs a pass to enter activities. A pass allows you entrance into all activities as space allows except workshops, Storybook Characters Breakfast and Enchanted Eatery, which are an extra fee.

Through May 15

\$8 for ages 3-12 and \$13 for ages 13 and up.

After May 15

\$11 for ages 3-12 and \$16 for ages 13 and up.

Plus registration software processing fees.

Pass Sponsor:



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Group Day

Take your qualifying group on a field trip to CALF on Thursday, June 8, and enjoy up to three dramatic readings with costumed characters, three performances, art activities and face painting from 9:30 am-2:30 pm. Group Day events are only for child-care centers and scout troops of 10 or more. Only children enrolled in your program may attend and only the appropriate number of adults needed to chaperone. Group Day is not for families. Reservation deadline is May 26. Email sidney@abilenecac.org

Group Day Sponsor:



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WHEN DO I GET MY PASSES?

Pre-registration orders can be picked up starting June 1 at the T&P Depot. Shipped orders are mailed in late May.

CALF STORE

Purchase at time of registration online or in person during the festival.

T-Shirts

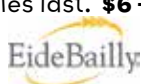
\$13 - Child • \$19/\$21/\$23 - Adult



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Tote Bag

Your family's entire registration order comes in one tote bag. Extra bags are available while supplies last. **\$6 – Extra tote bag**



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\$13 Evan the Fox plush toy, 8 inches

\$12 Hand-held mister fan

\$5 Storybook Capital Autograph Book

\$4 Storybook Capital enamel pin

Information Station / Lost & Found / First Aid

Let us help you! Located at T&P Depot, 1101 N. 1st St.

FREE PARKING

(See map on Pg 14-15)

- Most streets downtown.
- Abilene Public Library parking lots, 241 and 201 Cedar St.
- ARN parking lot between Datroo & NCCIL, 1200 block of N. 1st St.
- First Baptist Church parking lot, N. 1st and Hickory streets.
- Frontier Texas! at N. 1st and Mesquite streets.
- Abilene Convention Center, 1100 N. 6th St.

STROLLERS

- Because of limited space, some venues may require parking strollers outside or in a designated space.
- Use something to identify your stroller, such as a ribbon or name tag.
- Remove all valuables before leaving stroller unattended.
- Tightly close all food containers and liquids before entering a venue.

NURSING ROOMS

- The Well Church, 137 Mesquite St.
- Center for Contemporary Arts, 2nd floor bathroom, 220 Cypress St.

BE A PART OF CALF!

The festival happens through the generosity of the Abilene community and hundreds of volunteers. If you would like more information about volunteering individually or as a group, or about the benefits of sponsoring CALF, please email us at info@abilenecac.org.

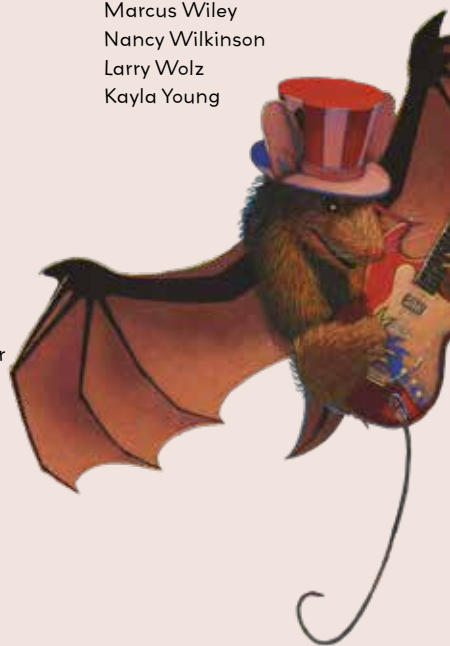
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12th Children's Art + Literacy Festival

June 13-16, 2024

Celebrating the art of LeUyen Pham

FUN FACTS!

- Name is pronounced "Lay-Win Fam"
- Born in Vietnam in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City)
- Written and illustrated more than 120 books!
- Earned Caldecott Honor for *Bear Came Along*
- LeUyen has ridden an elephant, swam with dolphins, worked with a Nobel Peace Prize Winner, an Academy Award Winner, and a MacArthur Genius Winner, and can touch her tongue to her chin.
- *New York Times* Bestseller author and book illustrator

