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CHILDREN'S ART + LITERACY FESTIVAL

2024 Festival Guide

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LeUyen Pham



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Welcome to the Storybook Capital of America®!

Get ready to have a purrfectly unicorn-y time with Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn and friends at the 12th Children's Art + Literacy Festival (CALF) featuring the books of award-winning illustrator LeUyen Pham, whose original artwork will be on exhibit this summer at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL). The CALF theme is inspired by the artist on exhibit each summer at the NCCIL.

We will unveil our newest addition to the Storybook Sculpture Project based on LeUyen and Shannon Hale's *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn* book series, which brings our collection to 40 sculptures, the largest collection of its kind in the nation!

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

More than 5,800 people from 190 cities, 21 states and Mexico attended last year's CALF. Toss your mane, brandish your cat ears and trot over to the Abilene Cultural District for four days of fun!

Lynn Barnett,
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CALF Director

Meet LeUyen Pham!

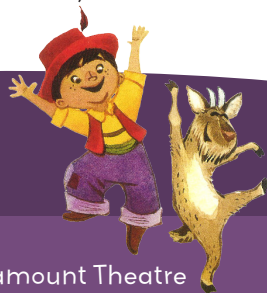
LeUyen Pham (pronounced “Lay-Win Fam”) was born in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City). Her family left in the final days of the Vietnam War and settled in Southern California. LeUyen spent two years at UCLA studying political science before the head of the art department guided her toward the prestigious ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena, where she majored in illustration. After graduation, LeUyen worked for DreamWorks’ Feature Animation division as a layout artist and illustrated books on the side.



Her book career took off, and she began to write and illustrate full time. Today, LeUyen is a New York Times Bestselling author and illustrator of more than 135 books. Her *Vampirina Ballerina* series by Anne Marie Pace became a Disney Junior animated TV series. LeUyen and Shannon Hale co-created the graphic novel memoirs *Real Friends*, *Best Friends* and *Friends Forever*. They also teamed up for the best-selling picture *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn* series. Her book *Bear Came Along* by author Richard T. Morris received a 2020 Caldecott Honor. LeUyen and her family live in Los Angeles, and she says her friends call her “Win,” and you can, too!



ON EXHIBIT
“LeUyen Came Along”
June 13-Sept. 13, 2024



**BUY
BOOKS
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BOOK SIGNINGS

- Thursday night at the Paramount Theatre immediately following “Sketch With LeUyen”
- 9-11 am Friday at the NCCIL (No Saturday signing for the general public)

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

WORKSHOPS WITH LEUYEN PHAM

- 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**
- LeUyen signs books for workshop registrants
- Limited spots. Register at nccil.org/calf

Pink Party Dinner with LeUyen

6 pm Friday, June 14
Tickets at the nccil.org/calf



FREE

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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

TIME	✓	EVENT	VENUE	NEW LOCATION!
4-5:30 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Costume Contest	Grace Point Church	
Create a book character costume and compete for prizes. See Page 21 for details.				
3-8 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	LeUyen Pham Art Exhibition	NCCIL	
See original artwork from her most popular books at the NCCIL Gallery.				
5:30-6 pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Storybook Parade	Pine Street	NEW ROUTE!
Starting at N. 1st & Pine Streets, Storybook Capital characters will reunite for a festive parade that ends at the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden. Sponsor: Kiwanis Club of Abilene				
6:15-6:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Storybook Sculpture Unveiling	Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden	
Let's welcome Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn and Unicorn!				
6:30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Party Hearty Garden Party	Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden	
Wiggle and giggle as Austin singer Joe McDermott performs on the garden stage. Enjoy food trucks & explore the garden before heading to the Paramount. Sponsor: First Bank Texas				
7-8:40p	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sketch with LeUyen	Paramount Theatre	
Watch LeUyen Pham draw while you follow along in your own sketchbook! During this interactive demonstration, learn about her award-winning career. Book signing immediately follows in the Paramount lobby, where NCCIL books will be for sale. Only books purchased from the NCCIL will be signed.				

FRIDAY, JUNE 14



		9 am	10 am	11 am	12 pm	
DRAMATIC READINGS	DoubleTree by Hilton <i>Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn</i>	Reading 9-9:30	Reading 9:45-10:15	Reading 10:30-11	Reading 11:15-11:45	Reading 12-12:30
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		LeUyen Pham Book Signing 9-11			LeUyen Pham Art Exhi	
	The Grace Museum <i>Piece of Cake</i>	Reading 9-9:30	Reading 9:45-10:15	Reading 10:30-11	Reading 11:15-11:45	Reading 12-12:30
	Community Foundation <i>Vampirina at the Beach</i>	Reading 9-9:30	Reading 9:45-10:15	Reading 10:30-11	Reading 11:15-11:45	Reading 12-12:30
	Frontier Texas! <i>The Bear Who Wasn't There</i>	Reading 9-9:30	Reading 9:45-10:15	Reading 10:30-11	Reading 11:15-11:45	Reading 12-12:30
Majestic <i>173 Pine St.</i>	Reading 9-9:30	Reading 9:45-10:15	Reading 10:30-11	Reading 11:15-11:45	Reading 12-12:30	
SHOWS	Minter Park <i>209 Cypress St.</i>	Professor QB 9-9:40	Music with Joe McDermott 10-10:30	Professor QB 11-11:40	Music with J McDermott 12-12:30	
	Paramount Theatre <i>352 Cypress St.</i>		Nancy & Her Friends 10-10:45		Nancy & Her Friends 12-12:45	
	Convention Center <i>1100 N. 6th St.</i>	Kornpop 9-9:45		Kornpop 11-11:45		
	Abilene Public Library <i>The Itchy Book: LIVE!</i>		Show 9:45-10:05	Show 10:30-10:50	Show 11:15-11:35	
	The Well <i>137 Mesquite St.</i>	Marionette 9-9:45		Marionette 10:30-11:15		Marionette 12-12:45
	Frontier Texas! <i>625 N. 1st St.</i>	Birds of Prey 9:15-9:45		Birds of Prey 10:45-11:15		Birds of Prey 12:15-12:45
	DoubleTree by Hilton <i>500 Cypress St.</i> <i>Grace for President: LIVE!</i>		Show 10-10:20		Show 12-12:20	
MORE FUN!	Center for Contemporary Arts <i>220 Cypress St.</i>	The S.T.E.A.M. Room / Toddler Room / Ca				
	Convention Center Grounds <i>1100 N. 6th St.</i>	May Farm Petting Animals / Sidev				
	T&P Depot <i>1101 N. 1st St.</i>	Dragon's Quest by Turning Pointe Academy in Pedestrian Tunnel behind T&P Depot, 10-1				
	Abilene Philharmonic <i>The Wooten, 1102 N 3rd St.</i>	Instrument Petting Zoo 9-12				
	DoubleTree by Hilton <i>500 Cypress St.</i>	Cookie decorating (\$				
	Face Painting <i>102 & 174 Cypress St.</i>	Face painting and hair chalking by Abilene Christian S				
	Everman Park <i>1101 N. 1st St.</i>	Train Rides 9-12				Park Open 12-

COLLECT BUTTONS: Earn up to 15 LeUyen Pham character buttons by atten



Library



NCCIL



The Well



The Grace



Center



DoubleTree by Hilton



Philharmonic

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Museum Art Exhibition & Book Store Open 9-3							
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Room / Caricature Artists (\$5 cash) 9-4							
Animals / Sidewalk Chalk Art / Mister 9-4							
Academy 10-10:1	Instrument Petting Zoo 1-4						
Decorating (\$3) 9-4							
Christian Schools & Fairy Princess Face Painting (Cash fee)							
Book Open 12-1	Train Rides 1-4						



5:15 pm Jason Bishop Magic Show

Why attending dramatic readings and other activities!



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Abbi & Andrew Harmon and
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SUNDAY, JUNE 16

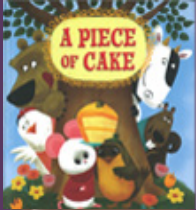
Readings 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 am

Wear your CALF pass to the
Abilene Zoo and get in free!

Dramatic Readings



Earn a button by attending a LeUyen Pham book reading followed by an art activity!



Bear Came Along & The Together Tree

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

Venue Notes: Restrooms. Stroller parking outside. No food or drink.

Take-home art activity: NCCIL Activity Pack

A Piece of Cake & Big Sister, Little Sister

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.

Art activity: Clay mouse

Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn & Party Hearty Kitty-Corn

DoubleTree by Hilton
500 Cypress St.

Venue Notes: Restrooms with diaper changing table. Stroller parking inside.

Art activity: Paper bag puppet

READINGS SPONSOR:



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Reading times

Friday & Saturday Mornings: 9, 9:45, 10:30 and 11:15 am

Friday & Saturday Afternoons: 12, 12:45, 1:30, 2:15, 3* and 3:45* pm

Sunday at the Abilene Zoo: 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 am

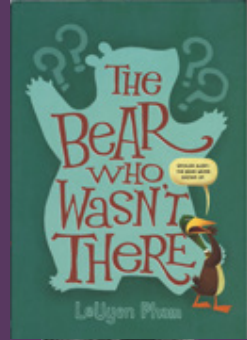
*No readings Friday at the NCCIL at these times.

Vampirina at the Beach & Freckleface Strawberry

Community Foundation of Abilene
850 N. 1st St.

Venue Notes: Restrooms. Stroller parking inside.

Art activity: Surfing Vampirina



The Bear Who Wasn't There

Frontier Texas!

625 N. 1st St.

Venue Notes: Restrooms with diaper changing table. Stroller parking outside. Tour exhibits at a discounted price. Readings take place continuously.

Take-home art activity: Bear ears headband

Vampirina in the Snow & Best Friends in the Universe

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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RETRO CALF READINGS!

Favorite festival characters from previous years are back – with 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.

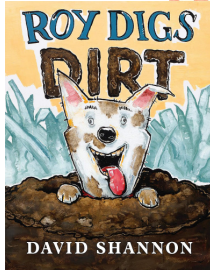
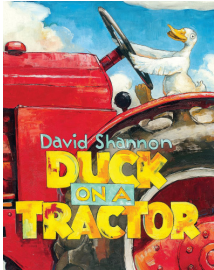
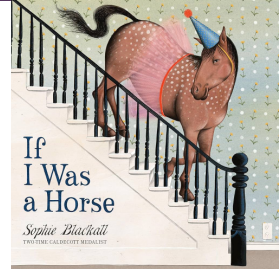
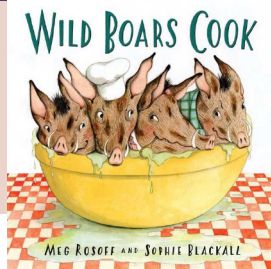
If I Was a Horse

By Sophie Blackall

Wild Boars Cook

By Meg Rosoff and Sophie Blackall

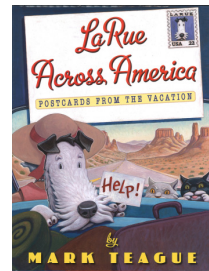
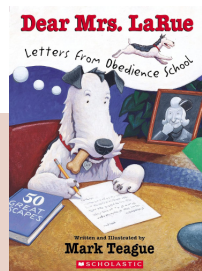
Readings: 9 am & 12:45 pm



Duck on a Tractor & Roy Digs Dirt

By David Shannon

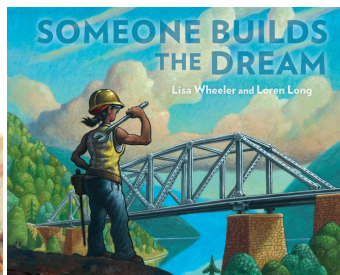
Readings: 9:45 am & 1:30 pm



Dear Mrs. LaRue & LaRue Across America

By Mark Teague

Readings: 10:30 am & 2:15 pm



Otis and the Scarecrow

By Loren Long

Someone Builds the Dream

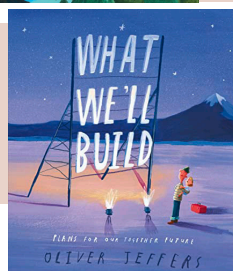
By Lisa Wheeler and Loren Long

Readings: 11:15 am & 3 pm

What We'll Build & Meanwhile Back on Earth

By Oliver Jeffers

Readings: 12:45 pm & 3:45 pm



PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

Sample schedules at
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✓ Time

Event

Venue

Friday

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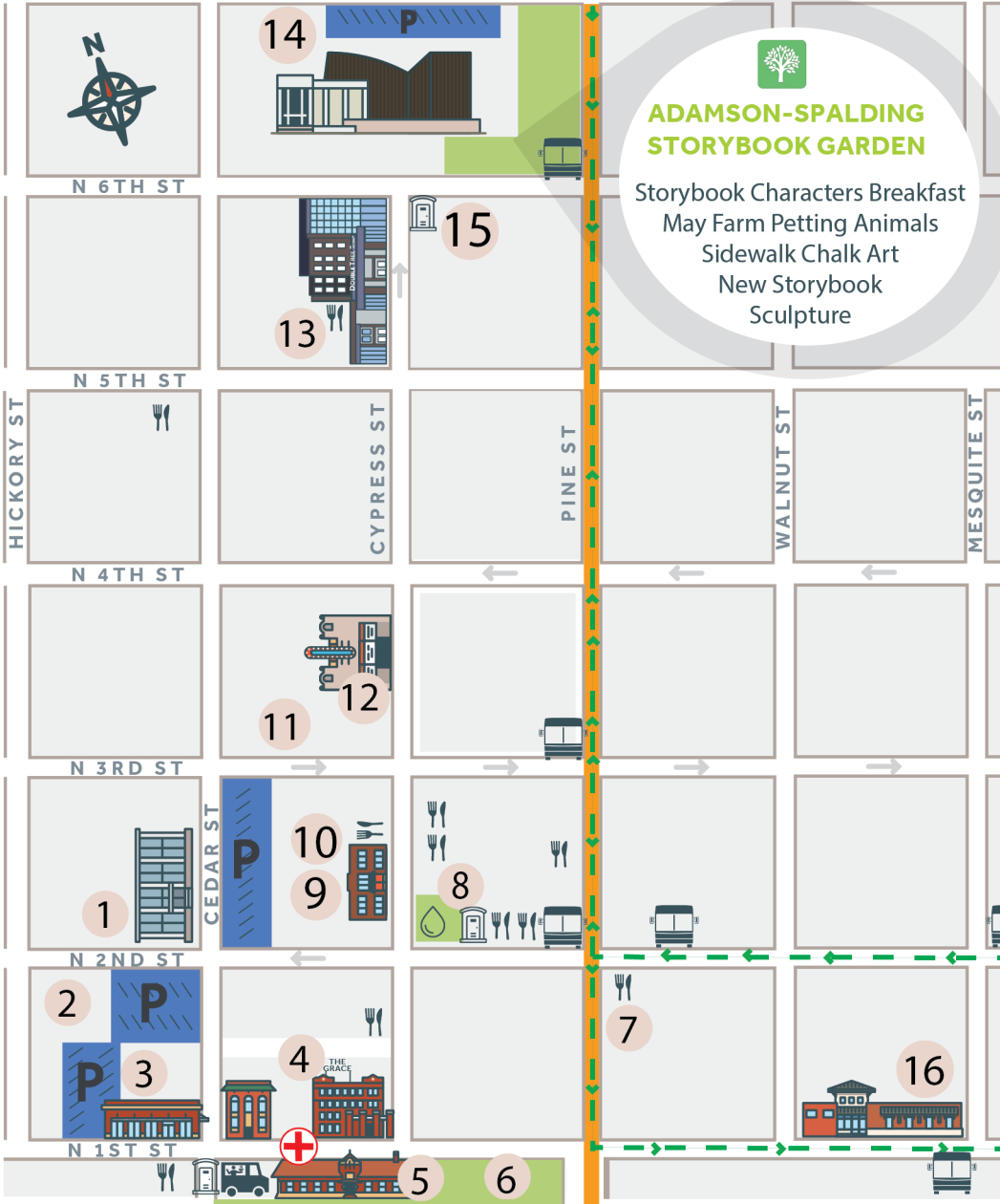
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Sunday – Abilene Zoo

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DOWNTOWN ABILENE



Food & Drink
See list on Pg 24

Food Trucks
& Eating Area

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

Bus Stop

Parking



ICON KEY

- Water Stations
- Restrooms
- Portable Restroom
- Baby Changing Stations
- Nursing Room and/or Calming Room

BUTTON	VENUE
	1. Abilene Public Library
	2. 12th Armored Division Memorial Museum
	3. National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature (NCCIL)
	4. The Grace Museum
	5. T&P Depot & Information Station
	6. Everman Park
	7. Majestic
	8. Minter Park
	9. Center for Contemporary Arts
	10. United Way of Abilene
	11. The Hotel Wooten
	12. Paramount Theatre
	13. DoubleTree by Hilton
	14. Abilene Convention Center
	15. Board & Brush
	16. Community Foundation of Abilene
	17. The Well
	18. Frontier Texas!

TICKETED EVENTS FEE REQUIRED



The Jason Bishop Show

5:15-6:15 pm Friday & Saturday

Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress St.

Breathtaking illusions, award-winning sleight of hand and close-up magic projected on the big screen. Delivered with rock and pop soundtrack.

Cost is \$5 per person or \$8 day of event.

Sponsors: Steve Arthur Family Foundation and Napier Engineering Inc.



Storybook Characters Breakfast

8:15-9 am Friday & Saturday

Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden, 1100 N. 6th St.

Meet and collect autographs from 20 characters, including the featured CALF 2024 characters.

Enjoy a breakfast of sausage, pancakes with sprinkles and fruit. Autograph books for sale. Purchase tickets when you register for CALF.

Cost is \$5 per person.



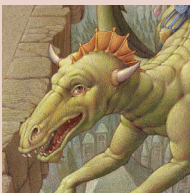
Young Audiences of Abilene's Enchanted Eatery

11 am or 12 pm Friday & Saturday

The Hotel Wooten, 1102 N. 3rd St.

Mingle with costume characters while you enjoy a pre-ordered meal with 8-count Chick-fil-A nuggets, chips, bottled water and dessert. Photo opportunities available. Beautiful, indoor ballroom of The Hotel Wooten. The Eatery is a fundraiser benefiting Young Audiences of Abilene, a non-profit that brings arts education into local schools. Cost is \$12 a person.

OUTDOOR EVENT NO FEE REQUIRED



Dragon's Quest

10 am-1 pm Friday & Saturday

T&P Depot pedestrian tunnel, 1101 N. 1st St.

Hop, skip and jump your way through the dragon's tunnel in this creative movement experience. At the end of your quest, take your photo with the 3D artwork!

Presented by: Turning Pointe Dance Academy

OUTDOOR EVENTS

NO FEE
REQUIRED



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. Family fun that takes you ABOVE the audience.

Sponsors: Willis Supply Co.



Train Rides

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

Pick up a train ticket (free with your festival pass) to reserve your time to ride the Storybook Capital Express! One adult per family, please, so we can accommodate as many children as possible as seating is limited.

Sponsors: First Financial Bank and First Financial Trust and Asset Management Co.

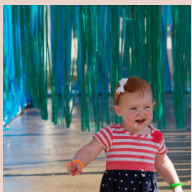


May Farm Petting Animals

*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



Vampirina's Beach Splash

*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



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.

INDOOR EVENTS

NO FEE
REQUIRED



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!

Sponsor: James McCoy's Drug Store



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)



Read to a Dog

9 am-3:30 pm Friday & Saturday
United Way of Abilene, 240 Cypress St.

Meet the dogs from Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation's Pet Enhanced Therapy Services and read them a book!

Sponsor: Hendrick Health



The S.T.E.A.M. Room

9 am-4 pm Friday & Saturday
Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress St.

Hands-on experiments for kids ages 8 and older inspired by LeUyen Pham's books. From creating seed bombs to building sundial watches, kids will learn more about science, technology, engineering, art, and math concepts.

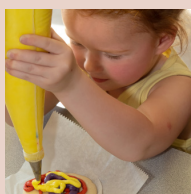
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Calming Spaces

10 am-4 pm Friday & Saturday
The Well Church, 137 Mesquite St.
Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress St.

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.



Cookie Decorating

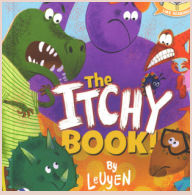
9 am-4 pm Friday & Saturday
DoubleTree by Hilton, 500 Cypress St.

Visit the CALF Bakery inside the new downtown hotel! Be creative as you decorate with icing and sprinkles.

Sponsor: Taylor Orthodontics

INDOOR EVENTS

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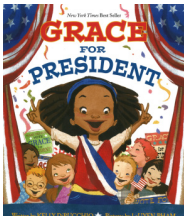


The Itchy Book: LIVE!

*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.

Triceratops has an itch... then so does Pterodactyl! Brontosaurus is feeling itchy, and so is T-Rex! But DINOSAURS DO NOT SCRATCH. There is a rule written in stone. What is an itchy dinosaur to do?! Directed by Gary Varner. Followed by art activity.



Grace for President: LIVE!

*10 am, 12 pm, 2 pm Friday & Saturday
DoubleTree by Hilton, Heritage Ballroom
500 Cypress St.*

Grace Campbell and Thoma Cobb are both eager to win the school election. Who will come out on top? In this show, every vote counts! Inspired by the New York Times best-selling book by Kelly DiPucchio and LeUyen Pham. Directed by Trinity Madison.

Sponsor: The Durrington Family



Kornpop Balloon Shows

*9 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm Friday & Saturday Abilene
Convention Center foyer, 1100 N. 6th St.*

Kornpop delights festival goers with his imaginative LeUyen Pham balloon characters and ceiling high creations! Enjoy his tricks and comedy.

Sponsor: Lale & B.J. Estes Family Foundation



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 & inspiration of music by touching & playing real musical instruments. There will also be special demonstrations & performances. No zoo animals allowed!



Toddler Room

*9 am-4 pm Friday & Saturday
Center for Contemporary Arts, 2nd floor, 220 Cypress St.*

Toddlers age 18 months to 4 years can explore sensory-based creative play areas inspired by LeUyen Pham's book "There's No Such Thing as LITTLE."

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 cost.

CALF Collectible (Age 5+)

10 am, 11 am, 12 pm, 1 pm Friday & Saturday

Paint a colorful, wooden keepsake sign 12x12 inspired by *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn* 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.

A Poem Is An Excellent Thing

(Age 8+) 9-10 & 10:30-11:30 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

Create multi-media artwork inspired by the *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn* book series.

Taught by art teacher Ashley Lowrance. *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 and 1-2 pm and 2:30-3:30 pm Saturday

Create sculptures inspired by *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn*. 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.



NCCIL Workshop with LeUyen Pham
For details, see Page 4

Origami Art for Kids (Age 8+)

11:30 am-12:30 pm and 1-2 pm Saturday

Artist Susannah Barrington will show you how to create origami inspired by *A Piece of Cake* with folded paper and step-by-step instruction.

Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress St. Class size: 12. Cost is \$5.

Write & Illustrate Your Own Storybook (Age 7+)

1-2 pm and 2:30-3:30 pm Friday

Create your very own book with the help of Abilene Writers Guild members and art teachers.

The Grace Museum, 3rd floor. Class size: 40. Cost is \$5.

A Piece of Cake (Age 8+)

10-11 am Friday & Saturday

Inspired by *A Piece of Cake*, create a felt mouse and paper flowers. *12th Armored Division Memorial Museum, 1289 N. 2nd St. Class size: 20. Cost is \$5.*

The Itchy Scratchy Scratcher (Age 6+)

10-11 am and 11:30 am -12:30 pm Saturday

Create and decorate a back scratcher inspired by *The Itchy Book*.

Abilene Convention Center foyer, upstairs Room 203-4, 1100 N. 6th St. Class size: 12. Cost is \$5.

Itty-Bitty Painting (Age 8+)

2:30-3:30 pm Friday & Saturday

Learn to paint and draw! Inspired by the book series *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn*. Taught by art teacher Bethany Connell.

Center for Contemporary Arts, 220 Cypress St. Class size: 12. Cost is \$10.

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COSTUME CHARACTER CONTEST

All ages are invited to participate by dressing as a favorite character from a book illustrated by LeUyen Pham! The contest consists of a simple display and turn in front of the judges in a new South Downtown venue - **Grace Point Church**.

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: **Grace Point Church**, 221 Oak St. in the SoDA District

Ideas: Check out our Pinterest page for inspiration at pinterest.com/abilenearts/

Categories:

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

PRIZES!

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



SCULPTURE UNVEILING



Let's welcome Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn and her friend, Unicorn, to the Adamson-Spalding Storybook Garden at 6:15 pm Thursday, June 13 on the east lawn of the Abilene Convention Center. This beautifully crafted bronze sculpture was inspired by the Shannon Hale and LeUyen Pham book series *Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn*. The sculpture was created by local Storybook Sculptor Steve Neves and cast in bronze by Schaefer Art Bronze.

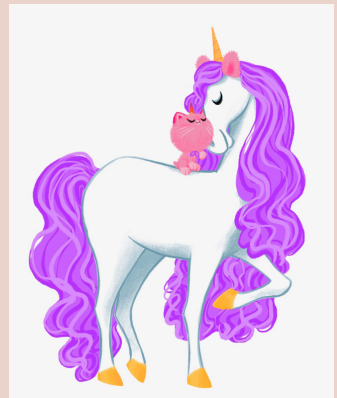
Abilene is home to nearly 40 storybook sculptures, which is the largest collection of its kind in America, if not the world!

"Itty-Bitty Kitty-Corn and Unicorn"

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CALF FESTIVAL SCAVENGER HUNT



The game goes live at 5:30 pm Thursday, June 13!

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 **2024 Abilene CALF GooseChase**
4. Complete as many missions as possible by 4 pm Sunday, June 16. Complete missions by submitting creative photos, video, or text within the app.
6. Keep an eye on the real-time rankings and photo feeds!
7. Do not climb on the smaller sculptures to take photos. Everman Park with the Dr. Seuss sculptures is closed during train hours and open from 12 to 1 pm.
8. Complete at least 10 missions to pick up your prize at the T&P Depot on Friday or Saturday and at the Abilene Zoo on Sunday!

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS!

The highest ranked team by committee review receives five signed LeUyen Pham books. Prizes will also be given for the most creative photos!

Sponsor:



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AUGMENTED REALITY APP

Play Abilene's first augmented reality game app! See the Storybook Sculptures come to life in the **Abilene Storybook Experience**. Collect all the characters, book covers, buttons and bench quotes.

Here's how you play:

1. Download the Abilene Storybook Experience app for iPhone or Android and start following the map.
2. Collect a real button at the T&P Depot as a reward for downloading the app.
3. Post your photos with characters on your social media with the hashtag #storybookcapital

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FOOD & DRINK

Food Trucks: T&P Depot parking lot. Along N. 1st Street. Check the CALF website & social media for updates.

Food Court Sponsor:



Beehive, 442 Cedar St. 325.675.0600.
Burgers, chicken fried steak, steaks, sandwiches, salad, soup, desserts.

Bogie's Downtown Deli,
241 Cypress St. 325.672.3296.
Sandwiches, salads, burgers and dessert.

Caitie Pies, 244 Pine St., 2nd Floor
325.999.8677.
Meat pies, fruit pies, desserts and daily lunch specials.

Candies by Vletas, 1201 N. 1st St.
325.673.2005.
Chocolates, brittles, taffy, and other goodies and drinks.

Cypress Street Station,
158 Cypress St. 325.676.3463.
Pasta, soup, salad, sandwiches, burgers, fries. Kids menu and full bar.

Front Porch Coffee Co. & Bakery,
702 N. 2nd St. 325-400.0288.
Breakfast, brunch, lunch options and coffee shop.

Grain Theory, 202 Pine St.
325.704.1058.
Kids chicken strips, fish and chips, Belgian fries and toppings, bratwurst roll, sausage tray, salads, dessert, coffee and brews.



The Local, 250 Cypress St.
325.232.6463.
Taqueria, craft cocktails, queso and contemporary Mexican food.

Majestic Coffee Shop
(Dramatic Reading Venue)
181 Pine St.
Coffee, teas, hot chocolate, sodas and waters, pastries, snacks and ice cream. Board games, cards, study and work-space, event venue and songwriter open mic each Sunday.

DoubleTree by Hilton
(Cookie Decorating), 500 Cypress St.
Enjoy breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the main hotel restaurant, Smokehouse Abilene, with selections for the entire family.

Monks Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress St.
325.437.2984.
Coffee, hot and iced espresso drinks, kids drinks, bottled soda and snacks.

Roll Shack, 202 Pine St., Suite 105.
Rolled ice cream, crepes and bottled water.

Sway, 401 Pine St. 325.238.5887.
Salads, sandwiches, soup, parfait, chips, snacks, charcuterie board, baked goods, coffee, juice, milk, tea.

Vagabond Pizza, 1056 N. 2nd St.
325.268.4321.
Wood-fired pizza and handmade desserts. Enjoy your meal with bottled sodas, craft beer and eclectic wines.

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 **PHONE:** 325-677-1161



Scan QR code to register



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, Enchanted Eatery, and The Jason Bishop Show, which are an extra fee.

Prices through May 15

\$9 for ages 3-12

\$14 for ages 13 to adult

Prices after May 15

\$12 for ages 3-12 and

\$17 for ages 13 to adult

Plus registration software processing fees.

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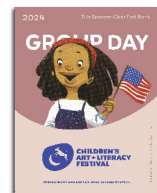


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GROUP DAY

Take your qualifying group on a field trip to CALF on Thursday, June 13, and enjoy an assigned schedule of dramatic readings with costumed characters, 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 the program may attend and only the appropriate number of chaperones. Group Day is not for families.

Reservation deadline is May 15. Email info@abilenecac.org



WHEN DO I GET MY PASSES?

Pre-registration orders can be picked up starting June 3 at the T&P Depot. Shipped orders are mailed in late May.

Group Day Sponsor:



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CALF STORE

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



T-Shirts
\$15 - Child
\$18 - Youth
\$19-\$24 - Adult



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Tote Bag

Your family's entire registration order will be in one tote bag. Extra bags are available while supplies last.

\$7 - Extra tote bag



CPA & BUSINESS ADVISORS

More Fun Items!

- \$20** - CALF hats
- \$16** - Unicorn plush, 12 inches
- \$12** - Hand-held mister fan
- \$5** - Storybook Capital Autograph Book
- \$4** - Storybook Capital enamel pin
- \$4** - Unicorn headband

Information Station / Lost & Found / First Aid

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

FREE PARKING

- (See map on Pages 14-15)
- Most streets downtown.
 - Abilene Public Library parking lots, 241 and 201 Cedar St.
 - 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

- Abilene Public Library, 2nd floor room next to auditorium, 202 Cedar St.
- 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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