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27th Annual Rocky Mountain Book & Paper Fair Celebrates Childhood Classics

Everyone remembers a special book from their childhood ... a book that changed their worldview ... a book that swept them into another world. Books we read as children often have powerful impacts that stay with us our entire lives.

These childhood classics are being honored with a special tip of the hat at this year's **Rocky Mountain Book & Paper Fair**, Denver's annual festival of old and rare books hosted by the Rocky Mountain Antiquarian Booksellers Association (RMABA). Set for August 5 - 6, at the Denver Merchandise Mart.

The fair will have over 70 book and paper dealers from around the country and Canada offering centuries old books to modern first editions for the collector and the curious. The fair provides an opportunity for people to see, feel, and buy books, maps, prints, posters and ephemera - those bits of throwaway paper of every day life such as advertising, ticket stubs, programs, postcards, booklets and pamphlets.

The Book & Paper Fair opens Friday evening, August 5th, 5:00 - 9:00 pm with special "guest appearances" by fictional children's book characters, wandering through the fair. On Saturday, author Paul Bienvenue, discusses "*The Man Behind the Curtain: How L. Frank Baum Created Oz*" at 1pm. Beinvenue, who lives in California, recently published an extensive guide to Baum and his books. Earlier Saturday, at 11:00 am, visitors can also enjoy a panel discussion on "Collecting Children's Books"

The 27th Annual Rocky Mountain Book & Paper Fair takes place August 5 - 6 at the Denver Merchandise Mart, I-25 at 58th Ave. (exit east). Admission is \$10 for Friday evening's preview (includes Saturday re-admission) and \$5 on Saturday. Parking is free. Show hours: Friday 5:00 - 9:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. For more information, visit www.rmaba.org or call 303-756-5821.