Press Release

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Gillis Branch Library to Receive Award-Winning Children’s Books

The Fresno County Public Library’s Gillis Branch has been chosen to receive a special selection of books from the Jane Addams Children’s Book Award collection. These titles will be presented at the branch by the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom’s Fresno branch on Tuesday, October 30, at 3:30 p.m.

Jane Addams (1860-1935) was the founder of Hull House, a facility designed for the social and intellectual betterment of working class people. A lifelong pacifist, she founded the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1931, the first American woman to obtain that distinction. To honor her memory, the Jane Addams Peace Association was founded in 1948 "to foster a better understanding between the people of the world.” Since 1953, the organization has annually honored outstanding children's books promoting peace, justice and equality.

Additional FCPL locations have been designated to receive Jane Addams book donations this year: the Central Library, West Fresno Branch Library and the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library.

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