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The World of William Joyce Exhibits Imagination at the Main Library through January 2, 2006

Master creator William Joyce wrote his first book in the fourth grade. Since then he has produced award-winning, best-selling classics that are loved by both children and adults. Hailed by *Newsweek* as one of the top 100 people to watch in the new millennium, his distinct and striking drawings and imaginative story-telling depict a world full of whimsy, fun, and adventure—the kind of world a child would want to jump into. But you don't have to be a child to marvel over his creative genius. Anyone can appreciate his riveting attention to detail through *The World of William Joyce*, a traveling exhibit sponsored by the National Center for Children's Literature, a nonprofit agency dedicated to bringing quality art and children's literature to communities across the nation. The exhibit, featuring 70 framed pieces of some of his most popular artwork, will be on view in throughout the building at the Main Library, 800 Vine Street, through January 2, 2006.

William Joyce is a graduate of Southern Methodist University where he studied filmmaking and illustration. He is the author and illustrator of such best-selling children's books as *Santa Calls*, *Dinosaur Bob*, *Rolie Polie Olie*, and *The Leaf Man and the Brave Good Bugs*. He has won two Emmys for his popular children's shows William Joyce's "Rolie Polie Olie," an animated series that airs on Disney Channel, and his book *George Shrinks* has been made into a daily cartoon series on PBS. He has also lent his creative expertise to the feature film world by creating conceptual characters for "Toy Story" and "Bugs" and is

Producer and Production Designer for the animated feature film “Robots.” In addition to being recognized for children’s literature, Joyce has also illustrated covers for *The New Yorker*, *Oxford American*, and *The New York Times Book Review*. Joyce currently resides in Shreveport Louisiana, with his wife, Elizabeth, and their two children, Mary Katherine and Jack.

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