**Mohawk Valley Community College**

**Utica and Rome, New York**

**Course Outline**

**EN 240 Children’s Literature C-3, Cr-3**

**Course Description:**

This course is a survey of traditional and contemporary literature for children from birth through Grade 6. Literary models include picture books, traditional literature, poetry, fantasy, juvenile fiction and nonfiction, biography, and informational books.

**Prerequisites:** EN102: Ideas & Values of Literature

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon the successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

* Demonstrate an understanding of the social history of children’s literature
* Demonstrate familiarity with concepts of morality, conformity, censorship and world view as evidenced through children’s literature
* Demonstrate an understanding of children’s literature as it has been utilized as a vehicle for social change through history
* Demonstrate knowledge of key authors and works in children's literature.
* Demonstrate the ability to compare and evaluate writers, styles, and other aspects of children’s literature
* Demonstrate comprehension of relevant social, cultural, religious, ethnic, moral, and economic issues raised in children’s literature
* Demonstrate an understanding of literacy in our culture: waning, or revitalizing?
* Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of non-print media upon print literacy
* Demonstrate the ability to write critically about children’s literature in a variety of formats such as a response journal, in-class assignment, or essay
* Demonstrate familiarity with awards given for children’s literature as well as a familiarity with the literature which has received award
* Demonstrate knowledge of the conventions and methods of at least one of the humanities;\* and
* Recognize and analyze nuance and complexity of meaning through critical reflections on text, visual images, or artifacts.\*

**Major Topics:**

* Traditional and contemporary children’s literature from birth through Grade 6

\* = SUNY General Education requirement

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