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Thomas Hinckley's excitement about nonfiction books is one we hope all our readers share, and that you haven't forgotten the big nonfiction conference scheduled for June 18-22 on the BYU Campus. To give you an idea of the schedule we've included the preliminary conference program. Those of you living in Provo should not miss the presentation by Beverly Kobrin on Tuesday evening that is free to adults in the community. A flyer is printed in this issue to give you details of time and place. If you're still doubtful of the pulling power of nonfiction books, or if you're a faithful fan this is the conference for you. Use the registration form and sign up today.
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First International Conference on Nonfiction

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

Taking Off with Nonfiction

It's the best kept secret of the eighties—nonfiction books are exciting. Rapidly shedding their drab past, recent nonfiction titles provide a gripping reading experience as well as offering facts and information. Current authors present new subjects, and new treatments of old subjects, in a way that makes today's reader stand up and take notice.

Who Will Be There?
Vicki Cobb, author; Leonard Everett Fisher, author, illustrator; James Giblin, author, editor; Seymour Simon, author; Peter Usborne, publisher; and Beverly Kobrin, reviewer.

Inside Information: Taking Off with Nonfiction brings to you the latest and the best titles and techniques from nationally acclaimed authors, critics, and publishers.

Dates: June 18-22, 1984
Place: Wilkinson Center, Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah

Participants of any race, creed, color, ethnic or national origin, and qualified handicapped persons are accepted for admission to the conference provided they maintain the university standards while on campus. These include abstinence from tobacco, alcohol, tea and coffee and harmful drugs, none of which are available on campus.
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Children's Literature

Theme: Inside Information: Taking Off With Nonfiction

Preliminary Conference Program

Monday, June 18, 1984

8:00-9:00 am: Registration

9:00-10:00 am: Keynote Address: Beverly Kobrin, author of the "Kobrin Letter," a monthly review of nonfiction books "The Care and Feeding of Curiosity at School"

10:15-11:15 am: Seymour Simon, author of more than sixty books for children "Science Books are the Real Thing"

11:30-12:15 pm: First Small Group Session and/or Seminar. Scheduled several times daily through the week, these will be on a variety of topics such as: Beverly Kobrin Seminar - "Introduction to and Ways to Use Nonfiction Books"; "How to Write Nonfiction With Children"; "Using Drama With Nonfiction Books"; "Teaching Adults to Write Nonfiction"; "Thistle Slides: The Death of a Town"; "Why: Description and Powers of Observation"; "Analyzing the Writing Situation"; "Critical Analysis of Children's Nonfiction Books"; "Recent Children's Magazines Too Good To Miss"; "Teaching Secondary Students to Read and Think With Nonfiction"; "Sharing Nursery Rhymes"; "The Joys of Reading and Writing Journals"; "Archival Sound Sources Available at BYU"; "Nonfiction Aspects of Portraying the Handicapped in Books for Children."

12:15-1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30-2:20 pm: Small Groups and Seminars

2:30-3:30 pm: Small Groups and Seminars plus autographing session for Seymour Simon

3:45-5:00 pm: Field Trips

6:00 pm: Seymour Simon (Working with children) "Showing Children that Science Books are the Real Thing"

Tuesday, June 19, 1984

8:30-9:30 am: Small Groups and Seminars

9:45-10:45 am: Vicki Cobb, author, teacher, and television host for a science show for kids "Finding My Voice: A Break With Tradition"

11:00-12:00 pm: Panel Discussion featuring Seymour Simon and Vicki Cobb "Principles of Writing Good Nonfiction for Children"

12:00-1:30 pm: Lunch

1:30-2:20 pm: Leonard Everett Fisher, artist, writer and/or illustrator for more than 200 books "Creative Connections"

2:30-3:30 pm: Small Groups and Seminars plus autographing sessions for Vicki Cobb and Leonard Everett Fisher

3:45-5:00 pm: Field Trips

7:00 pm: Dr. Beverly Kobrin (open to the community) "The Care and Feeding of Curiosity at Home"
Wednesday, June 20, 1984

8:30-9:30am  Small Groups and Seminars

9:45-10:45  Leonard Everett Fisher
"Nonfiction Aspects of Creative Connections"

11:00-12:00  Vicki Cobb (working with children)
"Science Surprises"

12:00-1:30  Lunch

1:30-2:20  Gloria Skurzynski, author of historic fiction, winner of the 1984 CLAU
(Children's Literature Association of Utah) Award - chosen by children
for Lost in the Devil's Desert.

2:30-3:30  Small Groups and Seminars plus autographing session for Gloria Skurzynski

3:45-5:00  Field Trips

7:00  Leslie Morris, British poet talking about nonfiction aspects of poetry--
title to be announced.

Thursday, June 21, 1984

8:30-9:30  Small Groups and Seminars

9:45-10:45  James Giblin, publisher and author
"Scarecrows, Chimney Sweeps and Walls: The Joys of Researching History
Books for Children"

11:00-12:00  Peter Usborne, publisher from the United Kingdom
"A British Approach to Children's Nonfiction"

12:00-1:30  Lunch

1:30-2:20  Panel Discussion with Leslie Morris, Peter Usborne and Thomas Hinkley
"Differences Between British and American Publishing" or something like
that -- our participants are too far apart to confer for a decision on a
title.

2:20-3:30  Small Groups and Seminars plus autographing for James Giblin and
Peter Usborne

3:45-5:00  Field Trips

7:00  Gloria Skurzynski, winner of the 1984 Golden Kite award for The Tempering.
Awarded by the Society of Children's Book Writers. With a Postscript by
her editor, James Giblin.
"Nonfiction Research Applied to Fiction: The Tempering"

8:00  Autographing session for Gloria Skurzynski

Friday, June 22, 1984

8:30-12:00am  Beverly Kobrin Summary of the Week and presentations of Projects on
Nonfiction Books

So Long, Farewell, Aufwiedersehen, Goodbye ... Until June 1986
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A Presentation By
Dr. Beverly Kobrin

"The Care and Feeding of Curiosity at Home"


Think of the children you know. What interests them? Sports, dinosaurs, camping, sharks, space exploration, show business? Dr. Kobrin will introduce you to the most worthwhile children's books about those and other subjects equally fascinating to boys and girls. There are books about real people, places and things that intrigue youngsters, and books that help parents make learning and teaching exciting.

All this will be provided at no cost to adults of the community!

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