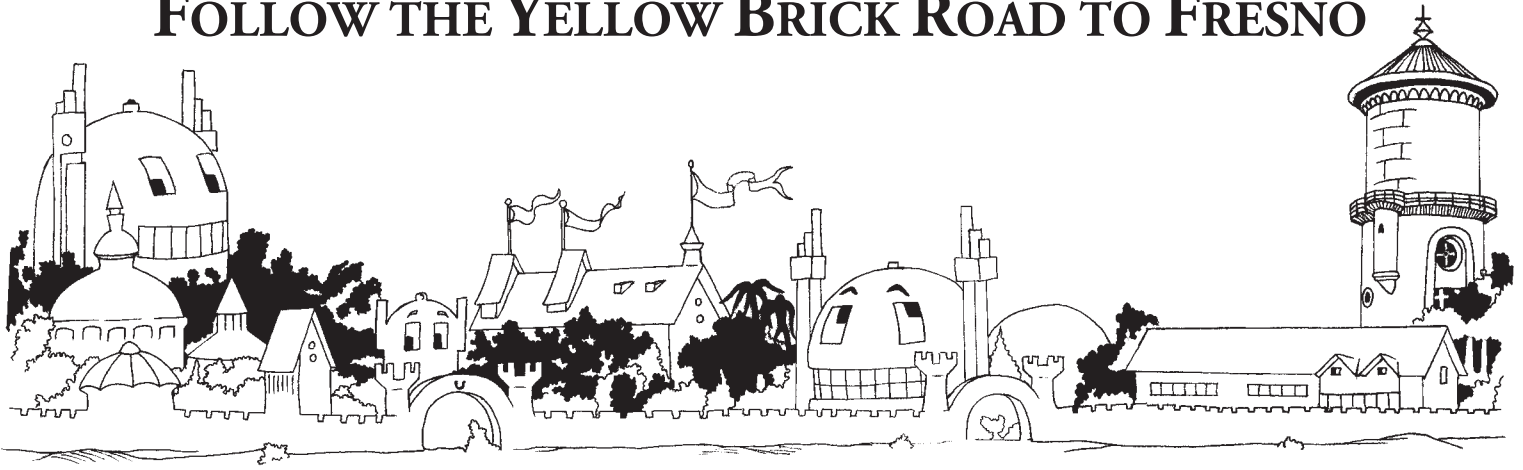
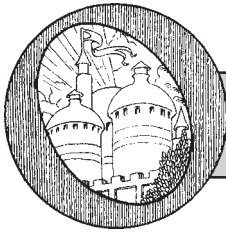


FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO FRESNO



The Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature
invites you to the 2010 National Convention of
The International Wizard of Oz Club:



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Friday through Sunday,
May 14–16, 2010

Save these dates to join Oz fans in the heart of the Golden State for three days of Ozzy activities on the campus of California State University, Fresno.

Friday's programs will be held in Fresno State's new Henry Madden Library, with its eight acres of interior space. See special displays of Ozzy materials, including an exhibit about the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893.

On Friday evening, enjoy a private reception at the Library sponsored by ANCA, the Arne Nixon Center Advocates.

Following the reception, attend a musical based on the third Oz book, *Ozma of Oz*, "Time Again in Oz," by playwright Suzan L. Zeder, with music by Richard Gray, produced by the Fresno State Department of Theatre Arts.

On Saturday evening, celebrate L. Frank Baum's 154th birthday and see a special Ozzy exhibition at the Fresno Metropolitan Museum of Art, History, and Science in downtown Fresno.

To see the developing schedule, go to www.arnenixoncenter.org.

This Wonderful Weekend will also include talks by:

- **Gregory Maguire**, author of *Wicked*, *Son of a Witch*, and *A Lion Among Men*.
- **Eric Shanower**, author/graphic artist of *Adventures in Oz* and many other Oz books and graphic novels and the non-Oz best-selling series, *The Age of Bronze*.
- **Michael Patrick Hearn**, author of *The Annotated Wizard of Oz*, *W.W. Denslow*, and many other books about children's literature.
- **Kathleen Krull**, author of *The Road to Oz: Twists Bumps and Triumphs in the Life of L. Frank Baum* and many other bestselling books for children.
- **John Fricke**, Emmy and Grammy award-winning producer and author of *Judy Garland: World's Greatest Entertainer* and *100 Years of Oz: A Century of Classic Images*.
- **Graham Rawle**, a British Oz illustrator whose new version of *The Wizard of Oz* was recently proclaimed the 2009 Book of the Year at the British Book Design Awards.
- **Michael Cart**, children's literature expert, *Booklist* columnist, and past president of the Friends of Freddy (the Pig).
- **Suzan L. Zeder**, author of the play "Time Again in Oz."
- **Dee Michel**, author of a forthcoming book, *Friends of Dorothy: Why Gay Men and Boys Love Oz*.
- **Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner**, director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation in Fayetteville, New York.

The conference hotel is the Piccadilly Inn-University, (800) HOTEL-US or (559) 224-4200. Ask for the Oz conference rate of \$98 per room, including tax.

For more information see the web site at www.arnenixoncenter.org or call (559) 278-8116.