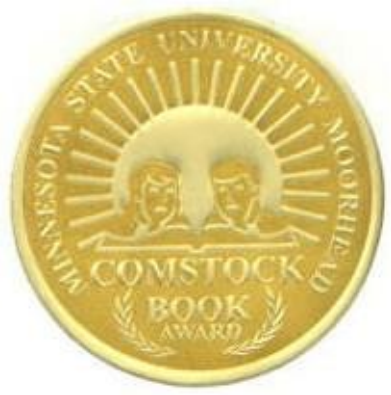
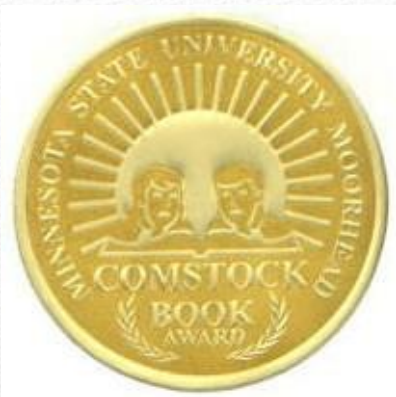


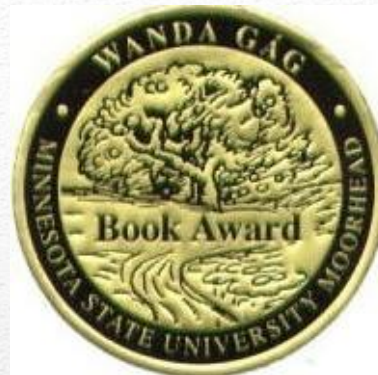
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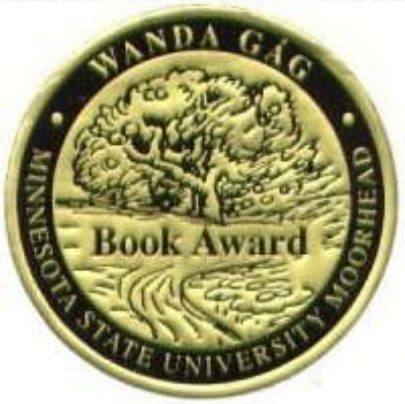
- A regional literacy initiative that involves collaboration between area teachers, librarians, and pre-service education students at MSUM
 - Sponsored by the Curriculum Materials Center and the Livingston Lord Library at MSU Moorhead
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Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards



- Two book awards selected annually
 - Awards are based upon feedback from children
 - Over 230,000 children read aloud to since inception of program
 - Over 11,000 books donated to local schools, libraries, day care centers, and preschools
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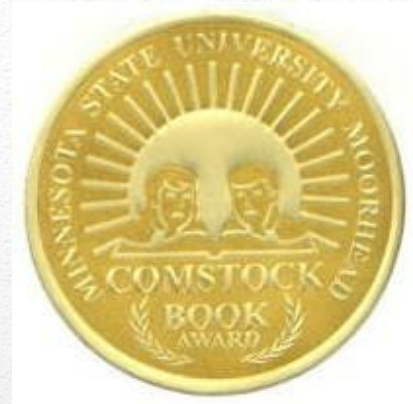


The **Wanda Gág Book Award** is the award for the best read aloud picture book for younger children (preschool through age 8).

This award is named for **Wanda Gág**, a children's book author, illustrator, and artist, who grew up in New Ulm, Minnesota. She is best known for *Millions of Cats*, which is considered the first American picture book.

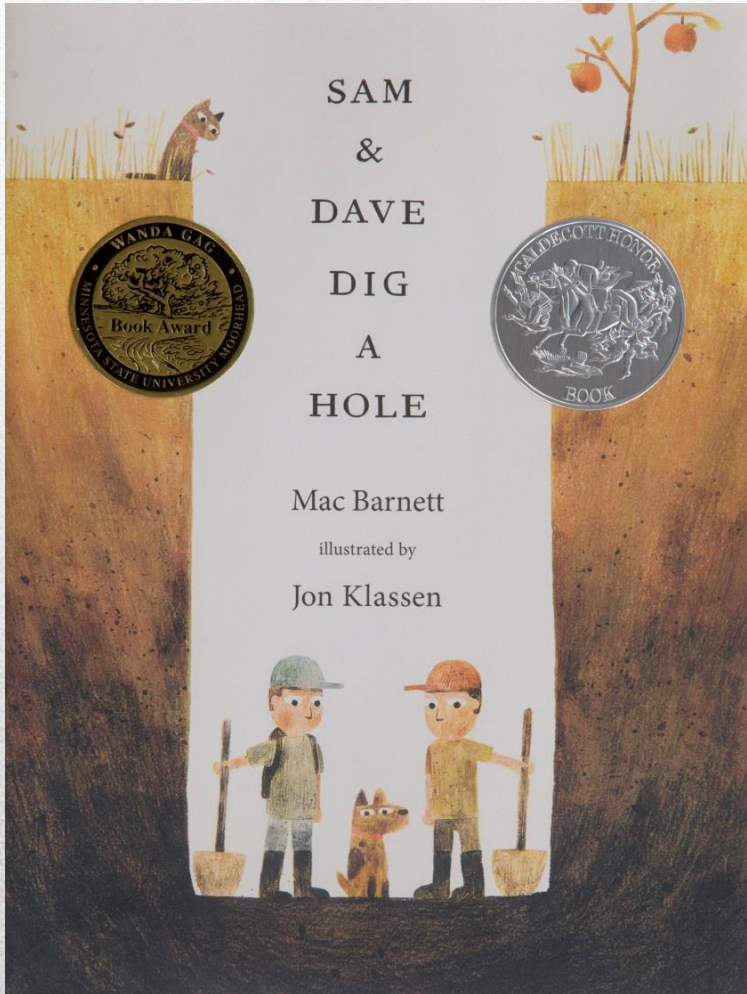


The **Comstock Book Award** is the award for the best read aloud picture book for older children (ages 9-12).



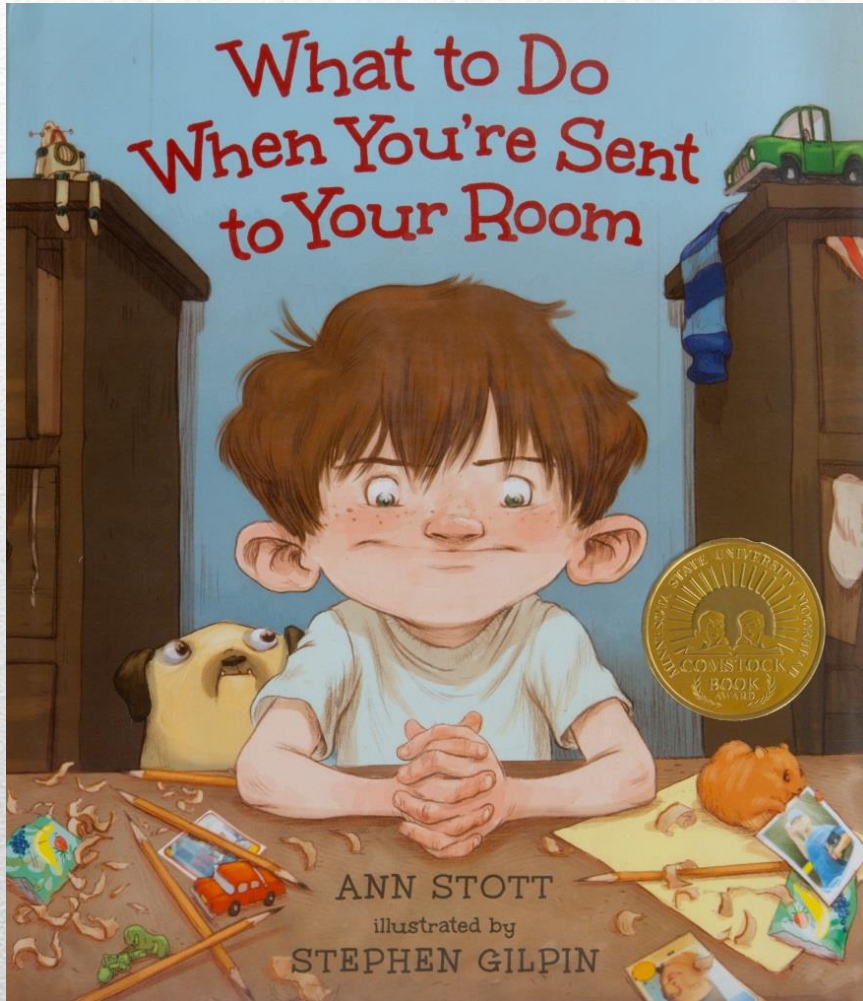
This award is named for the **Comstock Family**. Solomon Comstock donated the land on which the original campus of MSU Moorhead was built. Solomon, Sarah, and their daughter, Ada, were highly involved in efforts to support education and literacy. Sarah established the first public library in Moorhead, MN.

2015 Wanda Gág Book Award Winner



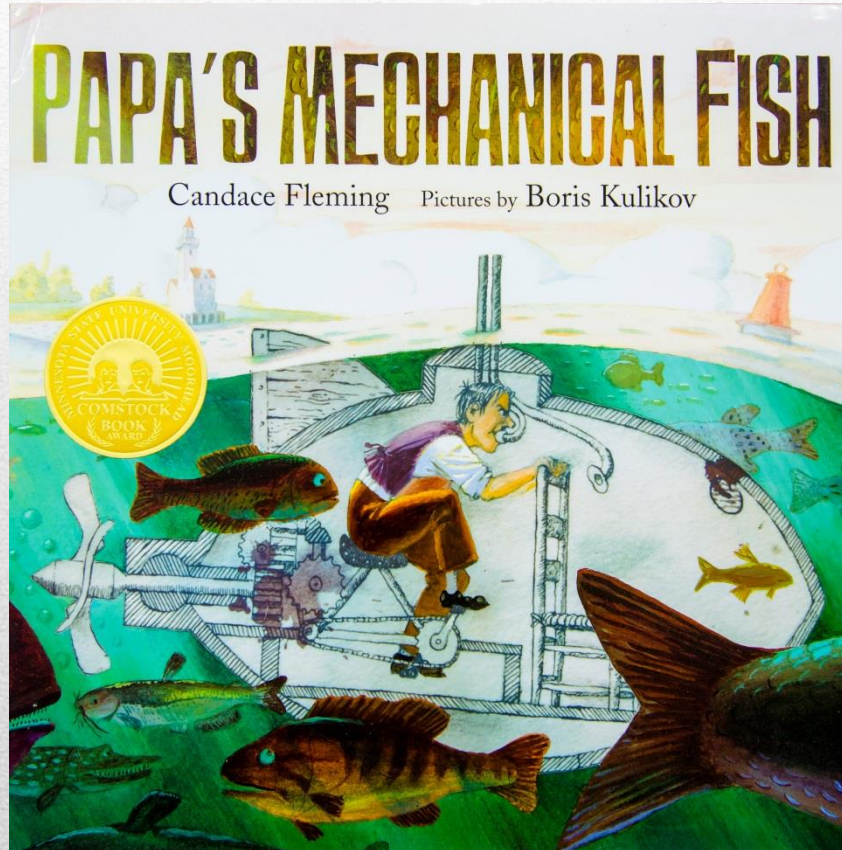
Have you ever dreamed of finding something spectacular? The story of Sam and Dave begins when they decide to look for buried treasure in their own backyard. The boys begin digging and bring their dog along to help. After a long day of digging, Sam and Dave decide to take a rest but their very clever dog decides to keep digging. Soon they are all falling and readers are left wondering whether or not Sam and Dave have really found something spectacular.

2015 Comstock Book Award Winner



Ben has had lots of experience on how to keep busy when you get sent to your room. When he is sent to his room (again) for feeding his dinner to the dog (again), he is well prepared. Ben shares many ideas ranging from writing notes of apology to his parents, preparing his birthday list, “redecorating” his room, and perfecting his sling shot skills. Ben is prepared for an early release because he shares a room with his brother, and their mother never allows them to stay in the same room at the same time. After reading this story, you will understand why.

2014 Comstock Book Award Winner



Papa's Mechanical Fish written by Candace Fleming and illustrated by Boris Kulikov

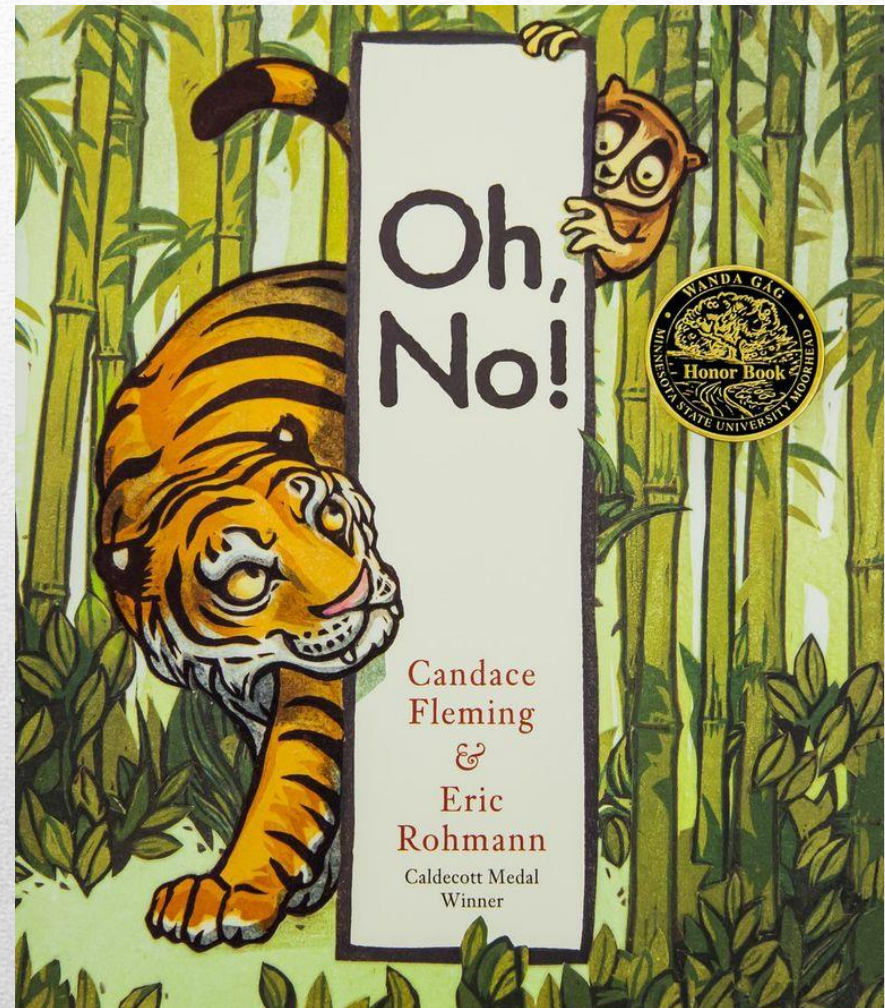
“Clink! Clankety-bang! Thump-whirr! That's the sound of Papa at work. Although he is an inventor, he has never made anything that works perfectly, and that's because he hasn't yet found a truly fantastic idea. But when he takes his family fishing on Lake Michigan, his daughter Virena asks, “Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a fish?”—and Papa is off to his workshop.”

2013 Wanda Gág Honor Book

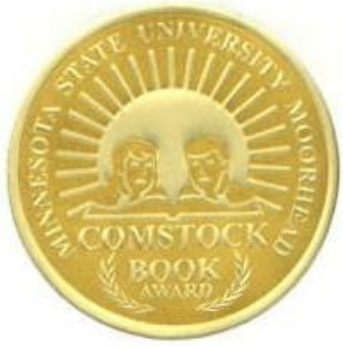
Oh, No! written by Candace Fleming and illustrated by Eric Rohmann.

“Young children will delight in repeating the refrain "OH, NO!" as one animal after another falls into a deep, deep hole in this lively read-aloud.”

“Frog...
And then Mouse...
And then Loris
All fall into a
Deep, deep hole.
Oops!
And here comes
Tiger, who is
very, very hungry!”



Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Awards



Opportunities to Volunteer

- Serve as member of the Comstock-Gág Read Aloud Book Award Committee
 - Participate as a reader in your school
 - Contact information available at our conference display
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