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Innovation and Controversy in Children's Literature

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Panel Title: Innovation and Controversy in Children's Literature

Our panel will focus on various issues related to children's literature and will use research from reputable literary, education, and psychology journals. We will examine issues dealing with fairy tales, YA novels, and comic books and will explore a wide range of social issues. The panelists each have a different topic and focus on different primary sources and secondary research. Here are the titles of their presentations/papers:

Madeline Keck – “Once Upon a Time: the Origin of Gender Stereotypes”

Danielle Sullivan - "Childhood Lost: *The Hunger Games*"

Hannah Hightower – “Damsels, Babes, and Heroes: The Evolution of the Female Avengers from *Avengers #1* to *A-Force*

Kathryn Foshee – “Death and Violence in Children's Literature”

Panel Chair: Professor Ferrier-Watson, Collin College.

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