

The James Fenimore Cooper Society will be sponsoring a panel on James Fenimore Cooper and Children's & YA literature at American Literature Association 2015, which will be held in Boston, Mass from May 21-24, 2015.

Cooper and Children's/Young Adult Literature

Chair: Keat Murray, California University of Pennsylvania

Immediately following his death, James Fenimore Cooper was lauded by many, including Daniel Webster, as a writer whose works were ideally suited for young readers. Since then, his tales of adventure and the frontier have inspired countless imitations and been adapted to a full range of genres, from films to comics. Papers may consider Cooper's novels and/or their influence on younger readers as well as authors of children and young adult literature. Papers may also consider his reception by younger readers as well as his status as a writer of young adult literature. Please submit a 250-word abstract and a brief cv (2-3 pages) by January 2, 2015. All proposals should be both pasted into the text of the email and included as attachments (Word files or pdfs preferred).

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