



# The Touchstone Center's September Newsletter

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Greetings,

With more and more emphasis on testing as part of the schooling experience, I am pleased to share with you my article [A Wilderness of Thought: Childhood and the Poetic Imagination](#), which was recently published in the July/August issue of Orion Magazine. I hope this article might contribute to the overall conversation about the role of imaginative and poetic expressiveness in relation to the natural world and childhood development.

In this regard I will be participating in a panel discussion on September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Bank Street College of Education. This discussion is part of a series about the innovative exhibit *The ABC of It: Why Children's Books Matter*, curated by Leonard Marcus, and presently on view at the NY Public Library at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. If you want more information, please visit [Bank Street's website](#).

I will also be giving a workshop, [Literacy and Imagination: Creative Writing Responses to the Natural World](#) on September 27<sup>th</sup>. It is part of The Ninth Annual LITERACY REVIEW Workshops in Teaching Writing to Adult Basic Education, GED and ESOL Students. These workshops are sponsored by the NYU Gallatin Program.

As part of our Archival Project, we will be posting a variety of reflections and children's writings related to the work of the Touchstone Center on our [Facebook page](#). We invite you to join us and share your thoughts and ideas. As a way to bring into the world our new publication [Play, Said the Earth to Air](#), we will begin our Facebook journey with a focus on the nature and marvel of play. You can like our page at [facebook.com/TouchstoneCenter](https://facebook.com/TouchstoneCenter).

Thanking you for your interest.

Best,

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