

Baum in the White City: The Influence of Columbian Exposition on Oz: Anastasia Rose Hyden

When L. Frank Baum moved with his family to Chicago, they became among the quarter of a million visitors to the World's Fair in Chicago—the World's Columbian Exposition, named in honor of Christopher Columbus. Anastasia Rose Hyden will discuss how the Columbian Exposition influenced Baum's *Oz* series, particularly the Emerald City. She will also contrast the fair's story with Baum's own life and discuss how both are examples of the "American Dream."