

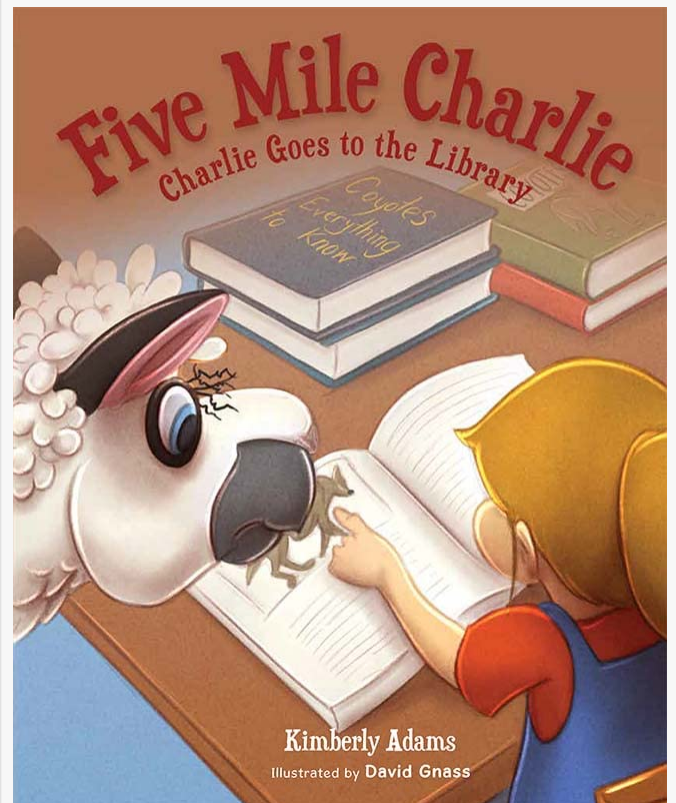
Mary Kimberly Public Library Celebrates National Recognition of Founder at ALA Conference

Printed Word Reviews hosts the library founder and NYC Big Book Award-winning author on Sat., June 28th at 10am where Adams will be signing her childrens books.

KIOWA, OK, UNITED STATES, June 10, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A story that began with a college thesis and a dream in rural Oklahoma is coming full circle. Kimberly Adams, founder of the [Mary Kimberly Public Library](#) in Kiowa, will appear at the American Library Association Conference in Philadelphia on June 28, 2025, to sign copies of her award-winning Five Mile Charlie children's book series.

Adams was selected to attend the prestigious event through the [New York City Big Book Awards](#), where all four books in her series were honored as either "Winner" or "Distinguished Favorite" in the category of Children's Picture Books. Titles include Five Mile Charlie: A Special Pony for Carly, Charlie Goes to the Library, A Five Mile Christmas, and The Return of Farmer Bud. Adams will be signing her award-winning books at ALA, Table 1652, [Printed Word Reviews](#), on Saturday, June 28 at 10:00 am. Ted Olczak, publisher of the Printed Word Reviews magazine, expressed his admiration: "It's a honor to have Adams at our ALA signing event. She has had an incredible journey, and giving back to her community the way she does is nothing short of amazing."

The Mary Kimberly Public Library—named for Adams and early collaborator Mary Trammell—was officially established in 2003 as a reading center and transitioned to a full public library under the Southeastern Oklahoma Library System in January 2025. Its mission: to ensure public access to books and computers in a rural community where such resources can be scarce.



Five Mile Charlie: Charlie Goes to the Library

The library's creation traces back to Adams' 1997 undergraduate thesis at Oklahoma Wesleyan University on the need for rural libraries. That project provided the foundation for action. With the help of Trammell and generous support from W.E. "Bill" and Ramona Allford, Power Resources Group, Inc., The Fugitt Foundation, The Reach Foundation on behalf of Kiowa Power Partners, LLC and the Town of Kiowa, the dream became a reality.

"I wrote about the need for libraries in small towns like mine," Adams said. "Now, the very library born of that idea is featured in one of my award-winning books. It's full circle."

Charlie Goes to the Library, the second book in the Five Mile Charlie series, is set inside the Mary Kimberly Library itself. During a search for answers, the characters turn to books and community resources to try to understand "Grumps," a mysterious coyote. The heartwarming story underscores the importance of public libraries in childhood discovery, empathy, and education.

The Five Mile Charlie series, which began during the pandemic following the loss of Adams' beloved llama Charlie, has garnered international attention with appearances at the Bologna International Children's Book Fair, London Book Fair, Los Angeles Book Fair, and Manila International Book Fair. Locally, Adams has shared her books through local events like the Kiowa Indian Summer Festival, J. Michael Miller Toy Event, and public school programming.

“

I wrote about the need for libraries in small towns like mine. Now, the very library born of that idea is featured in one of my award-winning books. It's full circle."

Kimberly Adams

This year marks Adams' first appearance at ALA as an author—a meaningful moment for a woman who began

her journey with a vision to expand access to knowledge in rural Oklahoma.

For more information about Five Mile Charlie, visit www.fivemilecharlie.com.

Follow on X: @5milecharlie | Facebook: Five Mile Charlie

Fill your collection with these
AWARD-WINNING Childrens Books:



**Five Mile Charlie
A Special Pony for Carly**
Wishes don't always come true the way we expect them to—but they can be brought to life in a very different way! Carly lives on Five Mile Farm in Oklahoma. She has many pets, but has always dreamed of having a pony. The magical bees in the valley know about Carly's wish. Will Queen Bee Nora and her best friend, Journey, find a pony for Carly?

by Kimberly Adams • 978-1645436928 • \$16⁹⁵



**Five Mile Charlie
Charlie Goes to the Library**
In this magical sequel to *Five Mile Charlie: A Special Pony for Carly*, our favorite llama and his best friend are determined to discover why Grumps—a coyote living in a cave near Five Mile Farm—is always so mean! What will they find at their library, and will Queen Bee Nora and her five be able to help?

This second installment in the Five Mile Charlie series is sure to continue to delight and spark the imagination of every reader who opens its pages!

by Kimberly Adams • 978-1637550458 • \$16⁹⁵



**Five Mile Charlie
A Five Mile Christmas**
In *Five Mile Charlie: A Five Mile Christmas*, Carly and Charlie discovered that Grumps was a lone coyote who had been separated from his pack in the city. Together with the magical bees and the magic of Christmas, Grumps receives the gift of warmth and new friendships! This third installment in the series will continue to delight and inspire readers of every age!

by Kimberly Adams • 978-1637551974 • \$16⁹⁵



**Five Mile Charlie
The Return of Farmer Bud**
In *Five Mile Charlie: The Return of Farmer Bud*, Charlie followed Queen Nora and the magical bees from the farm of Farmer Bud to Five Mile Farm to become a pony for Carly. Farmer Bud finds Charlie at Five Mile Farm and soon a trial in the barnyard begins! Will the farm animal juries decide the fate of Charlie? This exciting legal drama is sure to thrill the readers at every page!

by Kimberly Adams • 978-1637554364 • \$16⁹⁵

AVAILABLE AT

amazon BARNES&NOBLE BAM! Walmart TARGET



Kimberly Adams is a practicing attorney in McAlester, Oklahoma, and the Municipal Judge in her hometown of Kiowa, Oklahoma. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Oklahoma Wesleyan University in 1997 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma in December 2000. Kimberly resides in rural southeast Oklahoma on her farm at Five Mile. The loss of her pet llama, Charlie, inspired a children's book series, starting with this first installment. Other publications include works printed at West Publishing Company, through her appellate practice as an attorney.

www.fivemilecharlie.com

AS SEEN IN the Printed Word Reviews
2025 ALA Special Section: Five Mile
Charlie Book Series by Kimberly Adams

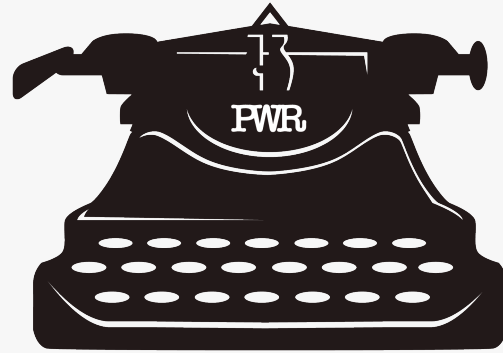
Ted Olczak, Publisher
Independent Press Award
+1 973-969-1899
ted@gabbybookawards.com
Visit us on social media:
[LinkedIn](#)
[Instagram](#)
[Facebook](#)
[YouTube](#)
[X](#)
[Other](#)



Author Kimberly Adams



A 2024 NYC Big Book Award Distinguished Favorite



Printed Word Reviews

Printed Word Review Hosting Independent Press and
NYC Big Book Award Author Signings

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/819750370>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2025 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.