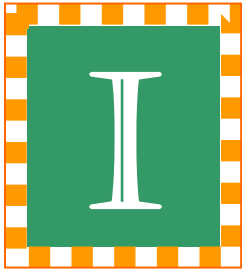


# the Story of Pinocchio



**In 1929 Elva Haskett introduced a Pinocchio doll to the “Junior Library” and his life has been as adventurous as the puppet of the original story:**

In March 1933 Pinocchio was sitting on top of the bookshelves as usual when everything began to shake. It was the Long Beach earthquake and Pinocchio was thrown to the floor and covered with fallen books. His head was cracked, his nose broken, and a leg injured. Miss Haskett patched him up and returned him to his shelf.

Things went smoothly until 1938 when Pinocchio was invited to take part in the Ebell Club doll festival. He was sent to a doll hospital to have his head and leg professionally repaired. All the time he was there it rained. It rained so hard that Miss Haskett could not get to the hospital to pick him up for the show.

That night, Mrs. Swanson and her husband, the owners of the doll hospital had to leave their home for fear it would be washed away. They took Pinocchio with them, but their car was overturned by the rushing waters and they were drowned. Days later, when the waters had receded, a man found Pinocchio wedged in the back seat of the car, he recognized him and returned him to the library. He had lost a leg and his pants.

Not long after the tragedy, Pinocchio was asked to travel to Utah for another doll festival. Miss Haskett quickly had him repaired, redressed and sent him off again. Upon his return, he found that he had achieved national fame, and that newspapers everywhere were calling him “The Hero of the Anaheim Flood!”

A search was made to try to find some of the other 500 Pinocchio dolls made at that time, but no others have been found. Rest assured that our Pinocchio still watches over the Children Room at the Central Library and will be with us for many years to come.