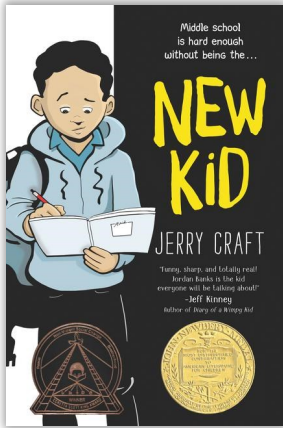


New Kid

by Jerry Craft



Voting Machines

You may request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's Office for students to cast their vote for their favorite book. The Secretary of State believes that this is an excellent civic and educational opportunity.

Please note that due to the popularity of the voting machines, they may not be able to accommodate every request.

Contact:

Leigh Westmoreland
225.362.5139 Office
225.922.2910 Fax
leigh.westmoreland@sos.la.gov

When requesting the voting machines please include:

- Contact name and phone number
- School's name and address
- Grade level(s) participating
- Approximate number of students participating in each grade level
- Be sure to send in your request **NO LATER THAN** December 1, 2022

Voting Procedures

- **Votes must be submitted by May 1, 2023.**
- **Each student may vote only once and vote for only one book.**
- **To be qualified to vote, each student**
 - Must read or listen to three or more titles on the list.
 - Must live in Louisiana.
 - Must be in grades 6-8th (or equivalent).
- **Students who read every title on their nominated list may receive a certificate of achievement from the State Library.**
- **Submit Your Vote**
 - Submit votes directly from the State Library web site at <http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice/voting>.
 - Fill out the form, then click "submit".
 - Voting Machine results may be faxed to 225.342.3547.
 - Each student may vote individually from their participating school, public library, home computer, etc.
 - Teachers and librarians may total the votes of their class or group and submit the tally instead of individual votes.
 - The tally form must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be counted.

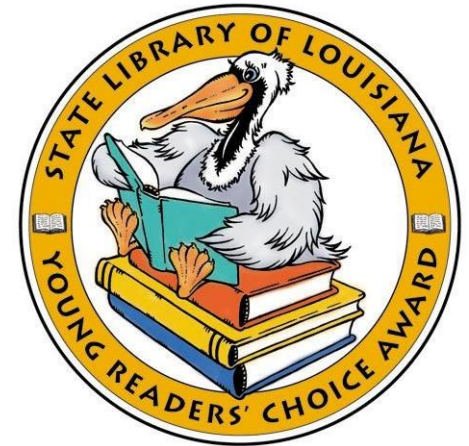
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**Louisiana
Young
Readers' Choice
Award
6-8th Grade
2022-2023**

Nominated List and Details



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LOUISIANA YOUNG READERS' CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM

The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award (LYRC) is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. The purpose of the program is to foster a love of reading in the youth of Louisiana by motivating them to participate in the recognition of outstanding books.

Committees of Louisiana librarians and educators compile lists of recommended books each year. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted to Jamie Hebert, jhebert@slol.lib.la.us.

The lists are well-balanced selections of high-quality fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Students may read or listen to the books and vote for their favorite one. They need to read or listen to a minimum of three nominated titles from the list in order to vote. This is a great way to involve students in literature and get them excited about reading for pleasure. The books that receive the most votes from the students are the Award Winners. The books with the second most votes are the Honor Books.

Timeline

Summer / Fall 2022: Begin reading books on 2021-2022 lists.

Oct 29, 2022: Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge, www.LouisianaBookFestival.org

May 1, 2023: Deadline for submitting votes.

Spring 2023: Announcement of the 2022-2023 award winners.

Webpage

Details about the program, print materials, study guides, PowerPoint presentations, book trailers and booktalks, and other additional resources for the titles are available on our website

<http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice>.

Promotional materials

Free promotional materials for the nominated list, including posters, bookmarks and seals for award books, are available from the State Library. Complete the Young Readers' Choice order form on the website to request these materials.

Disclaimer

The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Program provides a recreational reading list. Participation in this program is strictly voluntary. We wish to engage interest, encourage critical thinking, and challenge young readers. Not every book will suit every reader, which is why there are many titles to choose from.

2022-2023 School Year 6-8th Nominated List

1. **96 Miles** by J.L. Esplin. During a massive blackout in rural Nevada, two brothers struggle to survive without their self-reliance-obsessed dad and without enough water cross the desert for help.
2. **Bloom** by Kenneth Oppel. The invasion begins with rain -- a rain that carries seeds that sprout overnight, everywhere. These new plants crowd out crops, release toxic pollens, and form large underground pods that swallow animals and people. They are unstoppable.
3. **City Spies** by James Ponti. Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies.
4. **Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile. While suspended from school, eleven-year-old, racially-mixed William "Scoob" Lamar joins his white grandmother on a road trip, during which he learns about life in the Jim Crow South and a shocking secret about G'ma.
5. **Danny Constantino's First (And Maybe Last?) Date** by Paul Acampora. Between going to the

middle school dance with his celebrity crush and watching his mom campaign to be the next town mayor, Danny has a lot to learn about life in the spotlight.

6. **Dress Coded** by Carrie Firestone. An eighth grader starts a podcast to protest the unfair dress code enforcement at her middle school and sparks a rebellion.
7. **From the Desk of Zoe Washington** by Janae Marks. Avid baker Zoe Washington receives a letter on her twelfth birthday from her biological father, who is in prison for a terrible crime.
8. **Twins** by Varian Johnson, illustrated by Shannon Wright. A contemporary middle-grade graphic novel about two twin siblings who begin to drift apart once they enter middle school.
9. **When Life Gives You Mangos** by Kereen Getten. Living on an island that visitors call exotic, 12-year-old Clara struggles with her increasingly distant relationship with a best friend and her inability to clearly recall the traumatizing events that occurred a year earlier.
10. **When Stars Are Scattered** by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed, illustrated by Victoria Jamieson and Iman Geddy. Omar and his younger brother Hassan live in a refugee camp, and when an opportunity for Omar to get an education comes along, he must decide between going to school every day or caring for his nonverbal brother in this intimate and touching portrayal of family and daily life in a refugee camp
11. **Wink** by Rob Harrell. After being diagnosed with a rare eye cancer, twelve-year-old Ross discovers how music, art, and true friends can push him through treatment and survive middle school.
12. **A Wish in the Dark** by Christina Soontornvat. This Thai-inspired twist on Hugo's Les Misérables follows Pong, who escapes prison hoping to find a fairer world, and Nok, who pursues him through a world that makes her question every truth she holds dear.