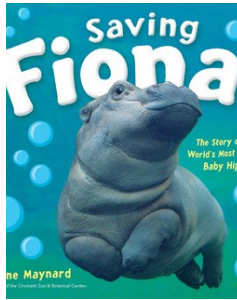


15. Tito the Boncrusher by Melissa Thomson.
Oliver enlists the help of his favorite pro wrestler to spring his dad from a Florida correctional center, where he's jailed for a crime he didn't commit.

2020-2021 LYRC 3-5th Grade Winner

Saving Fiona: The Story of the World's Most Famous Baby Hippo
by Thane Maynard



Voting Machines

You may request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's Office. Students may cast their vote for their favorite book on these real voting machines. 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, 2021

Voting Procedures

- **Votes must be submitted by March 1, 2022.**
- **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 3-5th (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.

For Questions Contact:

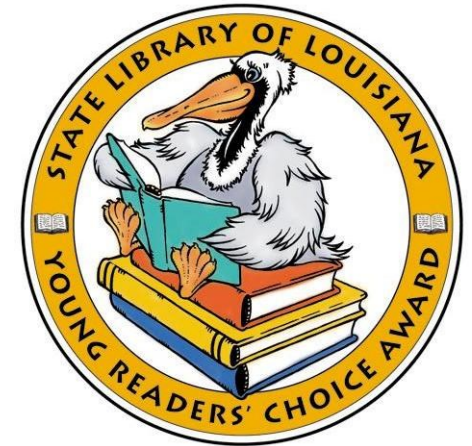
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Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 3-5th Grade

2021-2022

Nominated List and Details



*A reading enrichment program of the
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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 2021: Begin reading books on 2020-2021 lists.

Oct 30, 2021: Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge, www.LouisianaBookFestival.org

March 1, 2022: Deadline for submitting votes.

Spring 2022: Announcement of the 2020-2021 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.

2021-2022 School Year 3-5th Nominated Title List (15 Titles)

1. **Because of the Rabbit** by Cynthia Lord. On the last night of summer, Emma and her Maine game warden father rescue a small domestic rabbit stuck in a fence; the very next day Emma starts fifth grade after years of being home schooled, excited and apprehensive about making new friends, but she is paired with Jack, a hyperactive boy, who does not seem to fit in with anyone--except that they share a love of animals, which draws them together, because of the rabbit.
2. **Carter Reads the Newspaper** by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by Don Tate. Carter G. Woodson was born to two formerly enslaved people ten years after the end of the Civil War. Though his father could not read, he believed in being an informed citizen, so Carter read the newspaper to him every day.
3. **The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons** by Natascha Biebow, illustrated by Steven Salerno. This book tells the story of the invention of the Crayola crayon by inventor Edwin Binney.
4. **The Friendship War** by Andrew Clements. When Grace takes boxes of old buttons from a building her grandfather bought, she starts a fad at school that draws her closer to one friend, but further from another.
5. **Just Like Beverly: A Biography of Beverly Cleary** by Vicki Conrad, illustrated by David Hohn. This book is a biography of Beverly Cleary, from her roots in Portland to her years as a librarian and eventually a children's book writer.
6. **Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet** by Elizabeth Rusch, illustrated by Teresa Martínez. Growing up in Mexico City, Mario was a curious boy who studied hidden worlds through a microscope. He would grow up to become the chemist who brought the world back from the brink of environmental catastrophe.

7. **Martin and Anne: The Kindred Spirits of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Anne Frank** by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Yevgenia Nayberg. This picture-book biography compares and contrasts the lives of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Anne Frank, who were both born in 1929.
8. **Max and the Midnights** by Lincoln Peirce. Max and a group of friends dubbed the Midnights go on a quest to rescue the Kingdom of Byjovia from the mean King Gastley.
9. **Operation Frog Effect** by Sarah Scheerger. Ms. Graham's fifth-grade class wants to promote change in the world. When eight of them take an assignment too far, though, they must take responsibility for their actions and unite for a cause they all believe in.
10. **The Phone Booth in Mr. Hirota's Garden** by Heather Smith, illustrated by Rachel Wada. When the tsunami destroyed Makio's village, Makio lost his father. Sadly, he was not alone. Everyone lost someone the day the big wave came. With the villagers silenced by grief, Makio's anger at the ocean grows.
11. **Spark** by Sarah Beth Durst. Naturally quiet since birth, Mina and her stormbeast, Pixit, lead others like themselves in defying authority and attempting to spread the truth that Alorria's idyllic weather comes at a steep cost.
12. **Stargazing**, by Jen Wang. In a Chinese-American community, perfectionist Christine and artistic, confident, impulsive Moon become unlikely best friends.
13. **Stay** by Bobbie Pyron. Piper finds her life is turned upside down when her family moves into a shelter in a whole new city, but a special dog helps to change her outlook.
14. **Titan and the Wild Boars: The True Cave Rescue of the Thai Soccer Team** by Susan Hood and Pathana Sornhiran, illustrated by Dow Phumiruk. This picture book shares the account of the remarkable rescue of the Wild Boar soccer team trapped by monsoon rains in Thailand's Tham Luang Caves.