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## 2013 LOUISIANA READERS' CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

More than 20,000 students throughout the state voted to choose the winners of the 2013 Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award and Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award. *Young Zeus* by G. Brian Karas was the top choice among third through fifth graders while *Smile* by Raina Telgemeier received the most votes among middle school students. The Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award for students in grades nine through 12 goes to *Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare.

Voting day is an exciting time in many schools and libraries throughout Louisiana as some students cast their votes using voting machines supplied by the Secretary of State's Voter Outreach Division.

The Young Readers' Choice program is an important element of one of the core missions of the State Library of Louisiana—to foster a love of reading in Louisianans.

"The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice program encourages children to be readers," State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton said. "Children who read tend to achieve more in school, instilling in them the value of the culture of literacy."

For information about the program including previous winners, this year's second place finishers and the list of books nominated for next year's awards, visit [www.state.lib.la.us](http://www.state.lib.la.us) and click on Literacy and Reading, then on Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award.

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