**2019-2020 LYRC 3-5th Grade Nominated Title List**

1. **Army Brats** by Daphne Benedis-Grab, 9780545932059, 240 pgs. Scholastic. 2017. IL:MG – BL:5.8 – AR Pts:7.0 [multi-racial family, adopted Chinese child, mom serving in military, chapter book]
2. **Balderdash: John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children’s Books** by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter, 9780811879224, 44 pgs. Chronicle Books. 2017. IL:LG – BL:4.4 – AR Pts:0.5 [two starred reviews, picture book biography]
3. **A Boy Called Bat (#1)** by Elana K. Arnold, illustrated by Charles Santoso, 9780062445827, 208 pgs. Walden Pond Press. Imprint of HarperCollins. 2017. IL:LG – BL:4.6 – AR Pts:3.0. [first book in a series, male protagonist, autism, starred review, chapter book]
4. **Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut** by Derrick Barnes, 9781572842243, 32 pgs. Agate Publishing, Inc. IL: LG - BL: 3.8 - AR Pts: 0.5. [picture book, African American interest, male protagonist, barber shop, confidence, positive message, Newbery Honor, Caldecott Honor, Coretta Scott King Author & Illustrator Honor, Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award Winner]
5. **Give Bees a Chance** by Bethany Barton, 9780670016945, 40 pgs. Penguin Young Readers Group. 2017. IL:LG – BL:3.6 – AR Pts:0.5. [nonfiction picture book, two starred reviews, Children’s Choice Book Award Winner]
6. **Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code** by Laurie Wallmark, illustrated by Katy Wu, 9781454920007, 44 pgs. Sterling Children’s Books. 2017. BL:LG – BL:4.7 – AR Pts:0.5. [female protagonist, picture book biography, STEM, starred review]
7. **Imagine That!: How Dr. Seuss Wrote the Cat in the Hat** by Judy Sierra, 9780375974298, 48 pgs. Random House Children’s Books. IL:LG – BL:3.6 – AR Pts:0.5. (picture book biography, Dr. Seuss, The Cat in the Hat creation, told in prose, two starred reviews]
8. **Jake the Fake Keeps it Real** by Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach, illustrated by Keith Knight, 9780553523515, 138 pgs. Crown Books for Young readers. Imprint of Penguin Random House. IL:MG – BL:5.4 – AR Pts:3.0 [African American male protagonist, humor, school antics, Arts & Music Academy, first in series, for fans of Diary of a Wimpy Kid, chapter book]
9. **Lemons** by Melissa Savage, 9781524700126, 308 pgs. Crown Books for Young Readers. Imprint of Penguin Random House. IL:MG – BL:5.5 – AR Pts:7.0. [male and female protagonists, chapter book, moving, Bigfoot, friendship, adventure, sorrow, loss and healing, coming of age story]
10. **Malala – Activist for Girl’s Education** by Raphaelle Frier, illustrated by Aurelia Fronty, 9781580897853, 48 pgs. Charlesbridge. IL:LG – BL:5.0 – AR Pts:0.5. [picture book biography, Mildred L. Batchelder Honor]
11. **Sled Dog School** by Terry Lynn Johnson, 9780544873315, 197 pgs. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. IL:MG – BL:4.4 – AR Pts:4.0. [male protagonist, chapter book, sled dogs and sled racing, creating a business]
12. **The Explorers: The Door in the Alley** by Adrienne Kress, 9781101940051, 305 pgs. Delacorte Press. Imprint of Penguin Random House. IL:MG – BL:5.4 – AR Pts:9.0. [male and female protagonists, adventure, humor, missing persons, hired thugs, rescue mission, first in a series, chapter book, for fans of Lemony Snicket]
13. **The Princess and the Peas** by Rachel Himes, 9781580897181, 32 pgs. Charlesbridge. IL:LG –BL:3.7 – AR Pts:0.5. [modern day fairy tale retelling of the *Princess and the Pea*, African American protagonist, cooking, picture book]
14. **Wedgie & Gizmo** by Suzanne Selfors, 9780062447630, 168 pgs. HarperCollins Publishers. IL:LG – BL:3.7 – AR Pts:2.0. [story of Wedgie the corgi dog and Gizmo the guinea pig, blended families, humorous, chapter book, first in a series, for fans of *My Big Fat Zombie Goldfish*]
15. **Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate, illustrated by Charles Santoso, 9781250043221, 215 pgs. Feiwel & Friends. Imprint of Macmillan. IL:MG – BL:4.2- AR Pts:3.0. [story is told through the eyes of a tree, kindness, accepting others, making friends, nature, wishes, starred review, chapter book]