

**Ruined** by Paula Morris. Rebecca Brown's father just dumped her on her Aunt Claudia in New Orleans so he can work for six months in China. Rebecca resents the move but makes a friend while strolling through the cemetery across the street. Before long Rebecca realizes her friend, Lisette, is not what she seems. Lisette is the tormented victim of a murder that took place over a hundred years earlier. Rebecca becomes entangled in this page-turning tale filled with voodoo curses, death, betrayal and mystery.

**Shiver** by Maggie Stiefvater. Grace lives for the winters when she can see her wolf, her guardian wolf. He is always there watching with those hauntingly familiar yellow eyes. Sam is torn between two worlds but Grace is his constant. If only Grace would notice Sam. This gripping werewolf tale is the first installment in *The Wolves of Mercy Falls* series.

**Wintergirls** by Laurie Halse Anderson. Eighteen-year-old Lia finds out that Cassie has died of anorexia, a disease the two best friends proudly shared. Her death sends Lia's mental state into a downward spiral, along with the numbers on the scale: 103, 101, 98, 88... Not for the faint at heart, this title takes a realistic look at the eating disorder that is devouring Lia's life. How much can she lose without losing it all?

### WEB PAGE

Details about the program, print materials and additional resources for the titles are available at [www.state.lib.la.us](http://www.state.lib.la.us). Click on Literacy and Reading, Louisiana Young Readers' Choice.

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Promotional materials will be available in August 2011 from Library Development, PO Box 131, Baton Rouge, LA, 70821, 225-.342-4931.

### VOTING MACHINES

To request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's office, contact Naomi Clarke at 225-362-5230 or [outreach@sos.louisiana.gov](mailto:outreach@sos.louisiana.gov).

### VOTING PROCEDURES

- **Votes must be submitted by February 1, 2012**
- **Students may vote in their participating school, home computer or public library.**
- **Each student may vote only once and vote only for one book.**
- **To be qualified to vote, each student:**
  - Must read two or more titles on the list.**
  - Must live in Louisiana.**
  - Must be in grades 9-12 (or equivalent).**
- **Complete the vote Tally Form directly on the State Library of Louisiana web site. Fill out the form, then click 'submit'.**
- **The tally form may also be faxed to 225-342-3547.**

*Blind and physically handicapped students may submit their votes directly to the Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-543-4702.*

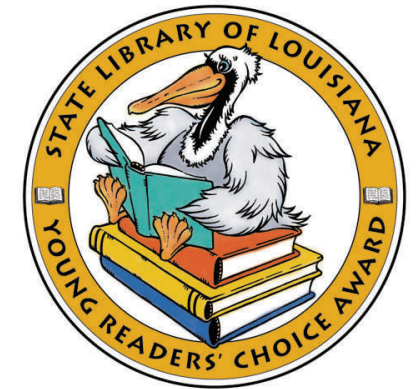
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# Louisiana TEEN

## Readers' Choice Award Program 2012



*A reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana.*

**Grades 9-12**



# LOUISIANA TEEN READERS' CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM

The Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award 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 teenagers of Louisiana by motivating them to participate in the recognition of outstanding books.

A committee of Louisiana public librarians, school librarians and teachers compile the 9th-12th grade Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice (LTRC) nominated list of 10 titles. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be sent to the chair of the committee, Angela Germany. The final title list will be a well-balanced collection of high quality fiction and nonfiction.

High school students may read or listen to the books and vote for their favorite one. Students only need to read two titles to vote. Votes are due by February 1st of the award year. For example, votes for the 2012 LTRC list must be submitted to the State Library of Louisiana by February 1st 2012.

## TIMELINE

**August 2011:** Students read books on the 2012 lists. Promotional materials for 2012 will be available from the State Library of Louisiana.

**February 1, 2012:** Deadline for submitting votes to the State Library of Louisiana for the 2012 list.

**Spring 2012:** Announcement of 2012 award winners.

# 2012 TEEN List (10 Titles)

***Beautiful Creatures*** by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl. Normal, boring, uneventful, dead is the perfect chronology of a perfectly flawed existence. Ethan Wate, growing up lonely and detached in a small southern town, expects nothing more...until he meets the darkly alluring Lena Duchannes. The monotony of his existence comes to an abrupt end as they discover the historical and supernatural ties that bind them. Supernatural forces threaten to destroy everything they think they know. The authors weave a tale that first draws you into the sweat-stained bosom of a southern town then flings you into the sour darkness of secrets and uncertainty. This story will appeal to fans of Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight*. For readers who can't get enough, there will be a sequel.

***Hate List*** by Jennifer Brown. Valerie and her boyfriend Nick created the Hate List together, a list of all the people and things they hated. For Valerie, it was a way to let off steam, but for Nick it was a plan for revenge. The Hate List becomes the "roll call of death" when one day Nick brings a gun to school, leaving several dead and many wounded. With Nick also dead, Val is left to face the aftermath of the hate list, while still dealing with her lingering feelings for him.

***If I Grow Up*** by Todd Strasser. DeShawn lives in the Frederick Douglass Projects, ruled by the notorious Douglass Disciples. DeShawn grows up fast helping to support his family and will soon be shouldering the responsibility of fatherhood. DeShawn is smart and sees college as his way out of his situation, but the Disciples want to use his smarts for their own empire.

***If I Stay: A Novel*** by Gayle Forman. After being severely injured in the car accident that killed her parents and brother, Mia floats above her broken body observing her grandparents' and boyfriend's pain. As her body lies in a coma, Mia recalls the idyllic life she had with her family. Should she fight to live and experience the pain and love of life, or should she let go and join the family she has lost? Readers will be drawn into Mia's story and anxiously turn the pages to discover what Mia's ultimate decision will be.

***Iron Heart: The True Story of How I Came Back from the Dead*** by Brian Boyle. On his way home from swimming practice, Brian Boyle, an 18-year-old athlete, is involved in a horrendous car wreck. In a coma for over a month, he gradually becomes aware of his surroundings only to learn that he may never walk again, much less swim or run track. Now begins the arduous work of proving the doctors wrong.

***Mare's War*** by Tanita Davis. The ideal summer for most teenaged girls would not be spent driving across the country with an elderly grandmother; however, for Mare and her granddaughters Octavia and Talitha, this journey provides the perfect opportunity for them to get to know each other. The two teens learn how a young African-American girl acquired the courage to leave her home in a small Alabama town for life in the Women's Army Corps during World War II. Told in chapters that alternate between "now" and "then", Olivia and Talitha discover an exciting part of history that isn't taught in school.

***Maze Runner*** by James Dashner. Thomas wakes up in "the Glade" with no idea who he is or why he is there. The Glade is surrounded by a treacherous maze with dead-ends and deadly creatures. When a somehow-familiar girl comes to the Glade, she is bearing a strange message. Everything starts to get even worse for the denizens of the Glade. Can they escape the maze? The first installment in an adventure trilogy, this dystopian fantasy will appeal to fans of Suzanne Collin's *Hunger Games* series.