

9. **This Is Our Story** by Ashley Elston. When a hunting accident claims a boy's life, his four best friends all come under suspicion. Kate Marino's after school job in the district attorney's office gives her the inside scoop to the case rocking her small town.

10. **The Dark Crowns (Book 1)** by Kendare Blake. On the night of their sixteenth birthday, a set of triplet sisters, each born a queen with her own unique magical power, must fight each other to the death with the last queen standing getting the crown.

Voting Machines

To request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's Office, contact:
Leigh Westmoreland
225.362.5139 Office
225.922.2910 Fax
leigh.westmoreland@sos.la.gov

The Secretary of State's Voter Outreach Division provides voting machines upon which students may 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.

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 8, 2018

Voting Procedures

- **Votes must be submitted by March 1, 2019.**
- **Each student may vote only once and vote for only one book.**
- **To be qualified to vote, each student**
 - Must read or listen to two or more titles on the list.
 - Must live in Louisiana.
 - Must be in grades 9-12 (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>. Forthcoming.
 - Fill out the form, then click "submit".
 - The tally form may also be printed and 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 TEEN Readers' Choice Award Program 2018-2019



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LOUISIANA TEEN READERS' CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM

The Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award (LTRC) 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.

A committee of Louisiana librarians and educators compile the 9-12th grade list of nominated titles. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted to Angela Germany, agermany@slol.lib.la.us.

The final title list is a well-balanced collection of high quality fiction. High school students may read or listen to two or more books on the list and vote for their favorite one. 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 2018: Begin reading books on 2018-2019 lists.

Nov 10, 2018: Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge, www.LouisianaBookFestival.org

March 1, 2019: Deadline for submitting votes.

Spring 2019: Announcement of the 2018-2019 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 Teen Readers' Choice order form on the website, to request these materials.

Disclaimer

The Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Program provides a recreational reading list. Participation in this program is strictly voluntary. We wish to engage teen interest, encourage critical thinking, and challenge teen readers. As such, some titles on the list may have sensitive content and deal with more mature themes than some students may have encountered previously. The target audience is young adults and as the term implies they will soon be adults. Not every book will suit every reader, which is why there are many titles to choose from. It is up to the individual reader to read the more mature selections or to close the book and choose another.

Each school and public library should take their individual collection needs into account and consider each title before purchasing every book on the list. An annotated list of nominated titles is provided on the State Library's website to aid in this selection..

2018-2019 TEEN Nominated List (10 Titles)

1. **Aging Out** by Alton Carter. What happens to foster children once they turn 18? How does a teen break the cycle of poverty and violence? In this nonfiction autobiography, Carter details his experience aging out of the foster care system and his road to healing. This is an inspiring story.

2. **Female of the Species** by Mindy McGinnis. Alex Craft had a sister she loved until a neighbor sexually assaulted, murdered, and buried that sister. Now Alex is a killer. She has taken her revenge, but her anger is not yet extinguished. She knows she can never be trusted among regular people and that, with the right provocation, she will kill again.

3. **Heartless** by Marissa Meyer. In this prequel to *Alice in Wonderland*, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester.

4. **Highly Illogical Behavior** by Corey Whaley. Agoraphobic sixteen-year-old Solomon has not left his house in three years, but Lisa is determined to change that and to write a scholarship-winning essay based on the results.

5. **Riders** by Veronica Rossi. After regaining consciousness from a seemingly fatal accident, eighteen-year-old U.S. Army Ranger Gideon Blake discovers that he is War, one the legendary Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, and together with Conquest, Famine, and Death, must save humanity from an ancient evil.

6. **Scythe: Arc of a Scythe (Book 1)** by Neal Shusterman. In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.

7. **The Serpent King** by Jeff Zentner. When constant slacker, Zak, is forced to be on his school's quiz bowl team, Ana, the constant overachiever, is less than thrilled. She goes from annoyed to enraged when Zak accidentally tells Ana's brother, Cameron, that WashingCon would be a great place to run off to. Ana and Zak have to team up to battle aliens, Vikings, and other beasts to get Cameron back before they are all busted.

8. **The Sun is Also a Star** by Nicola Yoon. Two teens--Daniel, the son of Korean shopkeepers, and Natasha, whose family is here illegally from Jamaica--cross paths in New York City on an eventful day in their lives--Daniel is on his way to an interview with a Yale alum, Natasha is meeting with a lawyer to try and prevent her family's deportation to Jamaica--and fall in love.