

**9. Warcross** by Marie Lu. When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

**10. You Bring the Distant Near** by Mitali Perkins. From 1965 through the present, an Indian American family adjusts to life in New York City, alternately fending off and welcoming challenges to their own traditions. Told in alternating voices across three generations, this book explores sisterhood, first loves, friendship, and the inheritance of culture, for better or worse.

## Voting Machines

Need a voting machine from the Secretary of State's Office? Contact:

Leigh Westmoreland  
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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, 2019**

## Voting Procedures

- **Votes must be submitted by March 1, 2020.**
- **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>.
  - 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 2019-2020



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*Grades 9-12*

# 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 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade list of nominated titles. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted to Angela Germany, [agermany@slol.lib.la.us](mailto:agermany@slol.lib.la.us). The final title list is a well-balanced collection of quality literature. 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 2019:** Begin reading books on 2019-2020 lists.

**Nov 2, 2019:** Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge, [www.LouisianaBookFestival.org](http://www.LouisianaBookFestival.org)

**March 1, 2020:** Deadline for submitting votes.

**Spring 2020:** Announcement of the 2019-2020 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.

## 2019-2020 TEEN Nominated List (10 Titles)

### **1. The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime that Changed Their Lives**

by Dasha Slater. With a journalist's eye for detail, this true account tells the story of two teens whose lives were irrevocably changed by one rash action. The story challenges the criminal justice system and explores the courage and compassion of both families.

**2. An Enchantment of Ravens** by Margaret Rogerson. Isobel is a prodigy portrait artist with a dangerous set of clients: the sinister fair folk .But when she receives her first royal patron--Rook, the autumn prince--she makes a terrible mistake. She paints mortal sorrow in his eyes, a weakness that could cost him his life. Now both of their lives are forfeit, unless Isobel can use her skill as an artist to fight the fairy courts.

**3. Geekerella: A Fangirl Fairy Tale** by Ashley Poston. Elle, a lifelong fan of the science fiction television series Starfield, hopes to enter a co-

splay contest and win a meeting with Darien Freeman--a teen soap actor starring in the movie reboot of Starfield--unless her selfish stepsisters manage to thwart her plans.

**4. Goodbye Days** by Jeff Zentner. Carver Briggs never thought the last message he would ever send to his three best friends Mars, Eli, and Blake would lead to their deaths. The novel looks at a teen's life after the death of his best friend and how he navigates through the guilt and pain by celebrating their lives--and ultimately learning to forgive himself.

**5. The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas. Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. But what Starr does or does not say could upend her community. Starr, an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances, addresses issues of racism and violence with intelligence, heart, and unflinching honesty.

**6. Long Way Down** by Jason Reynolds. As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. Will's story is told in free verse.

**7. Nyxia** by Scott Reintgen. Emmett accepts an interstellar space contract but learns in route that to win the promised fortune he and nine other recruits face a brutal competition, putting their very humanity at risk.

**8. One of Us is Lying** by Karen M. McManus. When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students, all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case.