

13. **The Princess and the Peas** by Rachel Himes. In this re-telling of Princess and the Pea, Ma Sally of Charleston County, South Carolina, devises a contest for her son's admirers: cook up a dish of black-eyed peas that meets her exacting standards, and the winner can marry her son. Princess comes along and provides a twist to this classic tale!
14. **Wedgie & Gizmo** by Suzanne Selfors illustrated by Barbara Fisinger. While his human Elliot adjusts to his new home and stepfamily, Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, searches for a new evil lair where he can plot to take over the world, but is constantly thwarted by Wedgie, a super-dog who loves the "furry potato" who lives in his house now.
15. **Wishtree** by Katherine Applegate illustrated by Charles Santoso. An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family—especially little girl whose one

Voting Machines

You may request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's Office . Students may cast their vote for their favorite book on these real voting machines. 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.

Contact:

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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 3-5th (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".
 - Voting Machine results may be 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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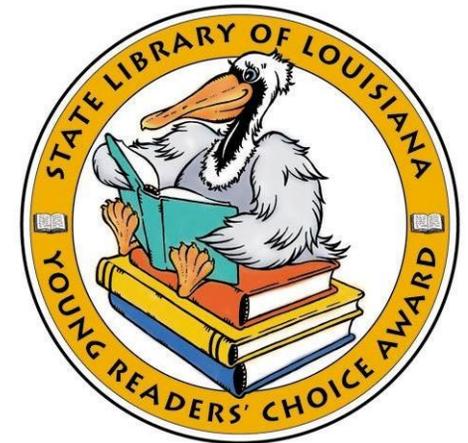


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2019-2020

Nominated List and Details



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LOUISIANA YOUNG READERS' CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM

The Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award (LYRC) 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.

Committees of Louisiana librarians and educators compile lists of recommended books each year. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted to

Angela Germany, agermany@slol.lib.la.us.

The lists are well-balanced selections of high-quality fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Students may read or listen to the books and vote for their favorite one. They need to read or listen to a minimum of three nominated titles from the list in order to vote. This is a great way to involve students in literature and get them excited about reading for pleasure. 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

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>.

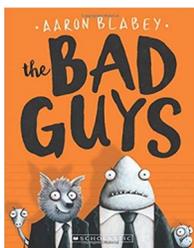
Promotional materials

Free promotional materials for the nominated list, including posters, bookmarks and seals for award books, are available from the State Library. Complete the Young Readers' Choice order form on the website, to request these materials.

2018-2019 LYRC 3-5th Grade Winner

The Bad Guys #1

by Aaron Blabey



2019-2020 School Year 3-5th Nominated Title List (15 Titles)

1. **Army Brats** by Daphne Benedis-Grab. The Baily Family has been transferred to Fort Patrick in Virginia and there are a lot of adjustments to make. Tom is bullied by the base school bully, Charlotte finds herself trying too hard to make friends with the "cool" girls, and Rosie is just being difficult as usual--but they come together to investigate a mysterious, abandoned building, setting off on an adventure to solve Fort Patrick's mysteries.
2. **Balderdash: John Newbery and the Boisterous Birth of Children's Books** by Michelle Markel illustrated by Nancy Carpenter. A delightful picture book rendition of the birth of children's literature. Nancy Carpenter's depictions of characters in 18th century garb bring home Michelle Markel's "Welcome, this book's for you...be glad it's not 1726." The text, full of period vocabulary, as well as the humorous illustrations, are sure to capture the attention of even the most reluctant 21st century reader.
3. **A Boy Called Bat (#1)** by Elana K. Arnold illustrated by Charles Santoso. Bixby Alexander Tam (Bat) is autistic. He has good days and bad, but it's a very good day when Bat's mother, a veterinarian, brings home a baby skunk. The minute Bat meets the kit, he knows they belong together, but Bat only has one month before the skunk is supposed to go to the wild-animal shelter to show his mom that a baby skunk might just make a pretty terrific pet.
4. **Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut** by Derrick Barnes. This title celebrates the magnificent feeling that comes from walking out of a barber shop with newly-cut hair and reflects on the cultural importance of the barber-shop.
5. **Give Bees a Chance** by Bethany Barton. An enthusiastic bee-loving narrator tries to convince a bee-phobic friend that our fuzzy, flying neighbors are our friends--we should all give bees a chance!
6. **Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code** by Laurie Wallmark illustrated by Katy Wu. Picture book biography of Admiral Grace Hopper, the woman who invented computer code that allowed computers to read instructions in words, rather than just 0's and 1's.

7. **Imagine That!: How Dr. Seuss Wrote the Cat in the Hat** by Judy Sierra. Picture book biography of Ted Seuss Geisel, better known as "Dr. Seuss," the beloved children's author, and the story of how The Cat in the Hat was created using a very strict vocabulary list. This book tells the story of how Dr. Seuss changed the world for beginning readers everywhere.
8. **Jake the Fake Keeps it Real (Book 1)** by Craig Robinson & Adam Mansbach illustrated by Keith Knight. Having faked his way into the Music and Art Academy, a performing arts school for gifted students where his talented older sister rules, sixth-grader Jake, a jokester and misfit who can barely play an instrument, will have to think of something quick before the last laugh is on him when he has to present his final project in front of the entire student body.
9. **Lemons** by Melissa Savage. After her mother dies in 1975, ten-year-old Lemonade Liberty Witt must leave her home in the city to live with her grandfather in a small town famous for Bigfoot sightings and soon becomes friends with Tobin, a quirky Bigfoot investigator. Through her friendship with Tobin, love for her grandfather, and adventures searching for Bigfoot, she finds a way to make lemonade out of the lemons life threw at her.
10. **Malala—Activist for Girl's Education** by Rhapselle Frier illustrated by Aurelia Fronty. An illustrated biography and inspiring story of Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Peace Prize recipient a Muslim teenage girl from Pakistan, who advocates for education of women and children and whom the Taliban attempted to assassinate on October 9, 2012.
11. **Sled Dog School** by Terry Lynn Johnson. Eleven-year-old Matt loves his sled dogs, but not math class. When he must set up a business to save his failing math grade, he overcomes his self-doubt and also gains two friends along the way.
12. **The Explorers: The Door in the Alley** by Adrienne Kress. Shy, serious rule-follower Sebastian's life is sent spiraling into adventure after a fateful day when he discovers a pig in a small hat and returns it to its home at the mysterious Explorers Society. A hilarious read full of action and adventure!