

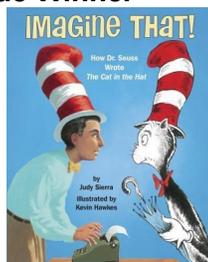
## 15. Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver

**Screen** by Candace Fleming illustrated by Eric Rohmann. A German shepherd is transformed from Etzel, a police dog in Berlin, to Strongheart, a silent movie star that will need his best acting skills to prove himself. innocent of attacking a girl.

## 2019-2020 LYRC 3-5th Grade Winner

### *Imagine That!: How Dr. Seuss Wrote The Cat in the Hat*

by Judy Sierra  
illustrated by Kevin Hawkes



## 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:

Leigh Westmoreland  
225.362.5139 Office  
225.922.2910 Fax  
[leigh.westmoreland@sos.la.gov](mailto:leigh.westmoreland@sos.la.gov)

### 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, 2020

## Voting Procedures

- **Votes must be submitted by March 1, 2021.**
- **Each student may vote only once and vote for only one book.**
- **To be qualified to vote, each student**
  - Must read or listen to three 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.

### For Questions Contact:

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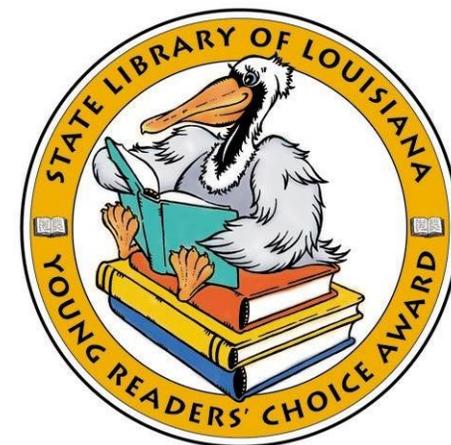


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# Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 3-5th Grade

## 2020-2021

*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](mailto: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 2020:** Begin reading books on 2020-2021 lists.

**Oct 31, 2020:** Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge, [www.LouisianaBookFestival.org](http://www.LouisianaBookFestival.org)

**March 1, 2021:** Deadline for submitting votes.

**Spring 2021:** Announcement of the 2020-2021 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.

## 2020-2021 School Year 3-5th Nominated Title List (15 Titles)

1. **All That Trash: The Story of the 1987 Garbage Barge and Our Problem with Stuff** by Meghan McCarthy. This picture book presents the true story of a garbage barge that didn't have a place to dock and how it helped lead to the recycling movement.
2. **The Art of the Swap** by Kristine Asselin and Jen Malone. When twelve-year-olds Hannah and Maggie switch places, Hannah must prevent a famous art theft in 1905 and Maggie must cope with modern life until they can switch back.
3. **Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery** by Sandra Neil Wallace illustrated by Bryan Collier. Discover the true story of NFL star Ernie Barnes, who followed his dreams and became one of the most influential artists of his generation.
4. **The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!)** by Barry Wittenstein illustrated by Chris Hsu. In the 1920s, a cotton buyer named Earle Dickson worked for Johnson & Johnson and had a klutzy wife who often injured herself. The son of a doctor, Earle set out to create an easier way for her to bandage her injuries.
5. **Charlie and Frog (Book #1)** by Karen Kane. While staying with his grandparents in Castle-on-the-Hudson, Charlie stumbles upon a mystery but must learn American Sign Language to keep up with Frog, a deaf girl who wants to help solve it.
6. **Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker's Story** by Joseph Bruchac illustrated by Liz Amini-Holmes. As a boy, Chester Nez was taught that his native language and culture were useless, but he was later called on to use his Navajo language to help create an unbreakable military code during WWII.
7. **Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13** by Helaine Becker illustrated by Tiem Dow Phumiruk. The book is a story of Katherine

Johnson, an African American mathematician who worked for NASA during the space race and was depicted in the film *Hidden Figures*.

8. **Dear Sister** by Alison McGhee illustrated by Joe Bluhm. Brother chronicles life with his frequently-annoying Sister, from the time she is born until she is ten and he leaves for college, through a series of letters and drawings.
9. **Fly to the Rescue (Tiny Geniuses: Book 1)** by Megan E. Bryant. When Jake makes a desperate wish for homework help, he can't believe what happens next! His Heroes of History action figures come to life!
10. **Hammering for Freedom** by Rita Lorraine Hubbard illustrated by John Holyfield. This book tells the inspirational story of William "Bill" Lewis, a hardworking blacksmith who slowly saved his money to free his family.
11. **Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment (Book #1)** by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein. Max Einstein and a group of international geniuses use their creativity and curiosity to help solve some of the world's toughest problems with science.
12. **The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl**, by Stacy McAnulty. A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.
13. **The Phantom Tower** by Keir Graff. When the missing button for their new apartment building's thirteenth floor suddenly appears, identical twins Mal and Colm are pulled into an eerie adventure in an parallel dimension.
14. **Saving Fiona: The Story of the World's Most Famous Baby Hippo** by Thane Maynard. When Fiona, a baby hippo, was born prematurely at the Cincinnati Zoo, a team of scientists and caregivers nursed her to health and a vast community in Cincinnati and beyond rallied around her.