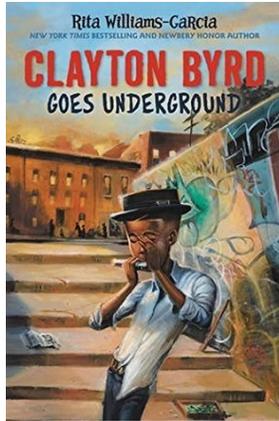


2019-2020 LYRC 6-8th Grade Winner

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground

by Rita Williams-Garcia



Voting Machines

You may request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's Office for students to 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.

Contact:

Leigh Westmoreland
225.362.5139 Office
225.922.2910 Fax
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 6-8th (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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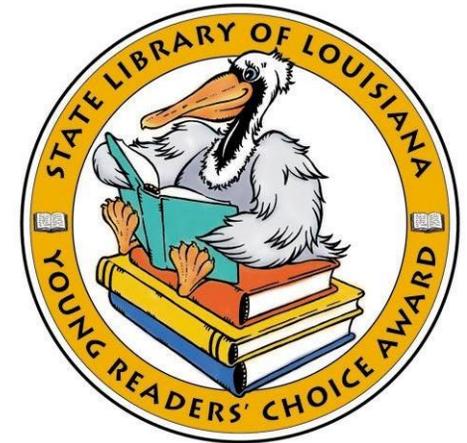
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Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award 6-8th Grade 2020-2021

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.

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

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 6-5th Nominated List (12 Titles)

1. **Benefits of Being an Octopus** by Ann Braden. Seventh-grader Zoey Albro focuses on caring for three younger siblings and avoiding rich classmates at school until her fascination with octopuses gets her on the debate team and she begins to speak out.
2. **Boy Bites Bug** by Rebecca Petruck. To defuse a situation between his best friend and a new student, Nolan eats a live stink bug, gaining popularity and a class project idea but, perhaps, losing a friend.
3. **City of Ghosts** by Victoria Schwab. Ever since her near-fatal drowning, Cassidy has been able to pull back the "Veil" that separates the living from the dead and see ghosts, not that she wants to, and she was really looking forward to a ghost-free summer at the beach; however her parents are going to start filming a TV series about the world's most haunted places, starting with Edinburgh with its graveyards, castles, and restless phantoms--and Cass and her personal ghost companion, Jacob, are about to find out that a city of old ghosts can be a very dangerous place indeed.
4. **Game Changer** by Tommy Greenwald. While thirteen-year-old Teddy fights for his life after a football injury at training camp, his friends and family gather to support him and discuss events leading to his coma. Told through dialogue, text messages, newspaper articles, transcripts, an online forum, and Teddy's inner thoughts.
5. **Love Like Sky** by Leslie C. Youngblood. Eleven-year-old Georgie is still adjusting to leaving Atlanta for a small town, having a stepfather, and being unable to get close to her stepsister when her six-year-old sister, Peaches, suddenly becomes very ill.
6. **Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish** by Pablo Cartaya. After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not remember or have

never met, and while there Marcus starts searching for his father, who left their family ten years ago and is somewhere on the island.

7. **The Night Diary** by Veera Hiranandani. Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.
8. **The Serpent's Secret (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #1)** by Sayantani DasGupta. Up until her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala considered herself an ordinary sixth-grader in Parsippany, New Jersey, but then her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen, and soon she is swept into another dimension, full of magic, winged horses, talking birds (very annoying), and cute princes--and somehow Kiranmala needs to sort it all out, find her parents, and basically save the world.
9. **Small Spaces** by Katherine Arden. After eleven-year-old Ollie's school bus mysteriously breaks down on a field trip, she has to take a trip through scary woods, and must use all of her wits to survive. She must stick to small spaces.
10. **So Done** by Paula Chase. The friendship of best friends Metai and Jamila threatens to combust from the pressure of secrets, middle school, and auditions for a talented-and-gifted program.
11. **The Storm Runner (Storm Runner #1)** by J.C. Cervantes. To prevent the Mayan gods from battling each other and destroying the world, thirteen-year-old Zane must unravel an ancient prophecy, stop an evil god, and discover how the physical disability that makes him reliant on a cane also connects him to his father and his ancestry.
12. **Tight** by Torrey Maldonado. After his quick-tempered father gets in a fight and is sent back to jail, sixth-grader Bryan, known for being quiet and thoughtful, snaps and follows new friend Mike into trouble.