



**THE PENNSYLVANIA
YOUNG READER'S CHOICE
AWARDS PROGRAM
2011-2012**

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The Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Program
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Purpose of the Award

The purpose of the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Program is to promote reading of quality books by young people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to promote teacher and librarian involvement in children's literature, and to honor authors whose work has been recognized by the children of Pennsylvania. The program is sponsored by the Pennsylvania School Librarians Association.

Guidelines for Participation

Participation in the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Program is open to all students who are attending public or private schools or are enrolled in a certified home study program in grades K-12.

It is suggested that the school library/media specialist be the sponsor if the award program in a school; however, any teacher or administrator may act as sponsor.

1. Be sure to obtain the support and authorization of the principal.
2. Provide information about participating in the award program to teachers, students and parents. See additional tips in the "Ideas for Promoting the Award" section.
3. Be familiar with the books included in the master list to be sure they are acceptable with your district or school's book selection policy.
4. Have as many of the titles available as possible. **You do not need to purchase every book on the list to participate in the program.** You may wish to purchase additional copies so that as many children as possible can be involved. Many books on the list are available in paperback.
5. You may begin the program as soon as school starts in the Fall.
6. In order to qualify to vote, students must either **read or have listened** to at least **3 books** from the list. The students have from the beginning of the school year through March first to read the books.
7. In March provide ballots so students may vote for their favorite book.
8. Participating libraries and schools should tally the votes and send the results to the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award Committee by **MARCH 15**. Please be sure to send the number of votes **each** book received not just the winning book at your school, USE THE VOTING REPORT FORMS AT THE CENTER OF THIS BROCHURE or download the form from the PSLA web site. (www.psla.org)
9. A certificate will be awarded to each participating school.

Criteria for Selection

Titles to be considered for the master reading list are generally nominated by the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Program Committee, but nominations may be submitted by students, teachers, librarians, parents or anyone who is interested in promoting reading.

Each book must meet the following criteria:

1. It must have a copyright date within five years of the awards presentation.
2. It must be written by an author currently living in North America.
3. It must be appropriate to the reading/interest level of students in grades K - 12.
4. It must be of recognized literary quality.
5. It may be fiction or nonfiction.

Send nominations to:

The Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards Program Committee
148 S. Bethlehem Pike
Ambler, PA 19002-5822

or post to the Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards wiki:
<http://pyrca.wikispaces.com>

Please include your name, address, and position.

All nominations should be submitted by **SEPTEMBER 1** in order to be considered for the following year.

PREVIOUS WINNERS continued

2006-2007

Skippyjon Jones by Judith Schachner (K-3)

Hachiko by Pamela Turner (3-6)

Peter and the Starcatchers by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson (6-8)

My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult (Young Adult)

2007-2008

Good Dog by Maya Gottfried (K-3)

Aliens Are Coming! by Meghan McCarthy (3-6)

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan (6-8)

Dairy Queen by Catherine Murdock (Young Adult)

2008-2009

The Great Fuzz Frenzy by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel (K-3)

No Talking by Andrew Clements (3-6)

Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick (6-8)

Twilight by Stephenie Meyer (Young Adult)

2009-2010

Scaredy Squirrel by Melanie Watt (K-3)

Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine (3-6)

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix (6-8)

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (Young Adult)

Useful Information

- Award stickers are available for 25cents each with a self-addressed-stamped envelope. Checks should be made out to PSLA.
- Send request to Jeannie Bellavance, 148 S. Bethlehem Pike, Ambler PA 19002.
- Visit the PSLA website for the following:
<http://www.psla.org/index.php/grants-a-awards/pa-young-readers-choice-awards>
 1. Copies of this booklet
 2. Book talk Scripts
 3. Recording charts
 4. Author thank you letters

WINNERS OF THE

2010-2011

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Chester by Melanie Watt (K-3)

Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship and Survival

by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery (3-6)

The Name of This Book Is Secret by Pseudonymous Bosch (6-8)

Perfect Chemistry by Simone Elkeles (Young Adult)

Committee Members

Jeannie Bellavance	Ambler
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PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARDS PROGRAM MASTER LIST

2011-2012

Kindergarten – Grade 3

Jon Agee	<i>Orangutan Tongs-Poems to Tangle Your Tongue</i>	Hyperion
Chris Barton	<i>Shark vs. Train</i>	Little, Brown
Rose Blue	<i>Ron's Big Mission</i>	Dutton
Fred Brown/ Sara Pennypacker	<i>The Mount Rushmore Calamity</i>	HarperCollins
Jason Chin	<i>Redwoods</i>	Flash Point
Hallie Durand	<i>Dessert First</i>	Atheneum
Tony Fucile	<i>Let's Do Nothing</i>	Candlewick
Nikki Grimes	<i>Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel</i>	G. P. Putnam
James Howe	<i>Horace and Morris Say Cheese (Which Makes Dolores Sneeze!)</i>	Atheneum
J. Patrick Lewis	<i>Spot the Plot: A Riddle Book of Book Riddles</i>	Chronicle
Fran Manushkin	<i>No More Teasing</i>	Picture Window
Phyllis Perry	<i>Panda's Earthquake Escape</i>	Sylvan Dell
Nadja Spiegelman	<i>Zig and Wikki in Something Ate My Homework</i>	Toon Books
Lisa Wheeler	<i>Dino-baseball</i>	Carolrhoda
Jonah Winter	<i>Here Comes the Garbage Barge</i>	Random House

Grades 3-6

Tom Angleberger	<i>The Strange Case of Origami Yoda</i>	Abrams
Mac Barnett	<i>The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity</i>	Simon & Schuster
Chris Barton	<i>Day-Glo Brothers: The True Story of Bob and Joe Switzer's Bright Ideas and Brand-New Colors</i>	Charlesbridge
Eleanor Davis	<i>The Secret Science Alliance and the Copycat Crook</i>	Bloomsbury
Adam Gidwitz	<i>A Tale Dark & Grimm</i>	Dutton
Michael Grant	<i>The Magnificent 12: The Call</i>	HarperCollins
Dan Gutman	<i>Roberto and Me</i>	HarperCollins
Shannon Hale	<i>Rapunzel's Revenge</i>	Bloomsbury
Tom Llewellyn	<i>The Tilting House</i>	Tricycle
Cynthia Lord	<i>Touch Blue</i>	Scholastic
Meghan McCarthy	<i>Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum</i>	Simon & Schuster
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	<i>Emily's Fortune</i>	Delacorte
Vaunda Micheaux Nelson	<i>Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U. S. Marshal</i>	Carolrhoda
Graham Salisbury	<i>Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven</i>	Random House
Kathleen Van Cleve	<i>Drizzle</i>	Dial

**PREVIOUS WINNERS OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG READER'S CHOICE
AWARDS**

1991-1992

My Teacher Is an Alien by Bruce Coville (3-5)

Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli (6-8)

1992-1993

Fudge-A-Mania by Judy Blume (3-5)

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (6-8)

1993-1994

The Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales by Jon Scieszka and Lane Smith (3-8)

1994-1995

Martha Speaks by Susan Meddaugh (K-3)

The Giver by Lois Lowry (3-8)

1995-1996

The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig by Eugene Trivizas (K-3)

The Sweetest Fig by Chris Van Allsburg (3-8)

1996-1997

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann (K-3)

Swamp Angel by Anne Isaacs (3-6)

Heart of a Champion by Carl Deuker (6-8)

1997-1998

Buz by Richard Egielski (K-3)

The Best School Year Ever by Barbara Robinson (3-6)

Spying on Miss Müller by Eve Bunting (6-8)

1998-1999

No More Water in the Tub by Ted Arnold (K-3)

Shiloh Season by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (3-6)

Crash by Jerry Spinelli (6-8)

1999-2000

The Adventures of Captain Underpants by Dav Pilkey (K-3)

Frindle by Andrew Clements (3-6)

Holes by Louis Sachar (6-8)

2000-2001

No David! by David Shannon (K-3)

The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller (3-6)

Bud, not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (6-8)

2001-2002

A Bad Case of Stripes by David Shannon (K-3)

So You Want to Be President by Judith St. George (3-6)

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix (6-8)

2002-2003

Humpty-Dumpty Egg-Splodes by Kevin O'Malley (K-3)

The Butterfly by Patricia Polacco (3-6)

The Two Princesses of Bamarre by Gail Carson Levine (6-8)

2003-2004

Widget by Lyn Rossiter McFarland (K-3)

Lewis and Clark and Me by Laurie Myers (3-6)

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen (6-8)

2004-2005

Substitute Teacher Plans by Doug Johnson (K-3)

Double Fudge by Judy Blume (3-6)

Eragon by Christopher Paolini (6-8)

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Grades 6-8

- ◇ *The Nine Pound Hammer*
- ◇ *School of Fear*
- ◇ *The Graveyard Book*
- ◇ *My Life in Pink and Green*
- ◇ *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer*
- ◇ *Uprising*
- ◇ *Closed for the Season: A Mystery Story*
- ◇ *Operation Yes*
- ◇ *The Popularity Papers*
- ◇ *The Clockwork Three*
- ◇ *Hero*
- ◇ *The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.*
- ◇ *The Red Pyramid*
- ◇ *On the Blue Comet*
- ◇ *The Incurrible Children of Ashton Place: Book I: The Mysterious Howling*



Young Adult

- ◇ *Ship Breaker*
- ◇ *You*
- ◇ *The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin*
- ◇ *Oh. My. Gods.*
- ◇ *Dash & Lily's Book of Dares*
- ◇ *Matched*
- ◇ *Take Me There*
- ◇ *Black Hole Sun*
- ◇ *Please Ignore Vera Dietz*
- ◇ *Rot and Ruin*
- ◇ *Flash Burnout*
- ◇ *The Secret to Lying*
- ◇ *The Sky is Everywhere*
- ◇ *Virals*
- ◇ *Three Rivers Rising*

Grades 6-8

John Claude Bemis	<i>The Nine Pound Hammer</i>	Random House
Gitty Daneshvari	<i>School of Fear</i>	Little, Brown
Neil Gaiman	<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	HarperCollins
Lisa Greenwald	<i>My Life in Pink and Green</i>	Amulet
John Grisham	<i>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer</i>	Dutton
Margaret Peterson Haddix	<i>Uprising</i>	Simon & Schuster
Mary Downing Hahn	<i>Closed for the Season: A Mystery Story</i>	Clarion
Sara Lewis Holmes	<i>Operation Yes</i>	Arthur A. Levine
Amy Ignatow	<i>The Popularity Papers</i>	Amulet
Matthew J. Kirby	<i>The Clockwork Three</i>	Scholastic
Mike Lupica	<i>Hero</i>	Philomel
Kate Messner	<i>The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.</i>	Walker
Rick Riordan	<i>The Red Pyramid</i>	Hyperion
Rosemary Wells	<i>On the Blue Comet</i>	Candlewick
Maryrose Wood	<i>The Incurrible Children of Aston Place: Book I: The Mysterious Howling</i>	Balzer & Bray

Young Adult

Paolo Bacigalupi	<i>Ship Breaker</i>	Little, Brown
Charles Benoit	<i>You</i>	Harper Teen
Josh Berk	<i>The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin</i>	Knopf
Tera Lynn Childs	<i>Oh. My. Gods.</i>	Dutton
Rachel Cohn & David Levithan	<i>Dash & Lily's Book of Dares</i>	Knopf
Ally Condie	<i>Matched</i>	Dutton
Carolee Dean	<i>Take Me There</i>	Simon Pulse
David Macinnis Gill	<i>Black Hole Sun</i>	Greenwillow
A. S. King	<i>Please Ignore Vera Dietz</i>	Knopf
Jonathan Maberry	<i>Rot and Ruin</i>	Simon & Schuster
L. K. Madigan	<i>Flash Burnout</i>	Houghton Mifflin
Todd Mitchell	<i>The Secret to Lying</i>	Candlewick
Jandy Nelson	<i>The Sky is Everywhere</i>	Dial
Kathy Reichs	<i>Virals</i>	Razorbill
Jame Richards	<i>Three Rivers Rising</i>	Knopf

**Ideas for Promoting
The Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Award**

Librarian-Teacher Activities

- * Give book talks about the books in the program. A script will be available for slide, PowerPoint or video presentations (made by you). Also available online at the PSLA web site (www.psla.org).
- * Look at the PSLA web page for more information and links to authors.
- * Have students do author studies.
- * Read the books aloud to students and encourage teachers and parents to do the same.
- * If your school has a book fair, include the books in the program.
- * Give teachers the charts which are available on the website to make record keeping easier.
- * Suggest these books as possible book reports to students and classroom teachers. Some teachers require students to read one book from the list.
- * Work with your public children's librarian to promote the program.
- * Develop crossword puzzles and/or word searches based on the books.

Student Activities

- * Have students create poster to advertise the books.
- * Have students write commercials about their favorite books. These commercials could be read over the public address system during morning announcements or added to the library or classroom web pages.
- * Have a book character day when students can dress up as their favorite book character. Be sure to give the students an opportunity to explain their choice.
- * Combine the program with other commercial reading programs and Reading Olympics or your summer reading program.
- * Have students write reviews for the school newspaper.

General Activities

- * Create a bulletin board or display promoting the award.
- * Send information home about the program through the parent newsletter and post the list on the library or classroom web pages.
- * Suggest these books as great presents for birthdays, the holidays or any time.
- * Include these books on your wish list.
- * Make bookmarks with the titles. Masters are included in this brochure.
- * Ask for a mini-grant from your parent organization to help fund the program.
- * Create a display by copying/scanning the book jackets. This could be a poster, a bulletin board or in a display case.
- * Keep the books in a special bookcase and mark the spine with a colored sticker.

Book Marks/Ballots



Kindergarten – Grade 3

- ◇ *Orangutan Tongs*
- ◇ *Shark vs. Train*
- ◇ *Ron's Big Mission*
- ◇ *The Mount Rushmore Calamity*
- ◇ *Redwoods*
- ◇ *Dessert First*
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Grades 3-6

- ◇ *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*
- ◇ *The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity*
- ◇ *The Day-Glo Brothers*
- ◇ *The Secret Science Alliance and the Copy Cat Crook*
- ◇ *A Tale Dark and Grimm*
- ◇ *The Magnificent 12: The Call*
- ◇ *Roberto and Me*
- ◇ *Rapunzel's Revenge*
- ◇ *The Tilting House*
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- ◇ *Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum*
- ◇ *Emily's Fortune*
- ◇ *Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U. S. Marshal*
- ◇ *Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven*
- ◇ *Drizzle*

YOUNG ADULT VOTING REPORT FORM

2011-2012

PENNSYLVANIA YOUNG READER'S CHOICE AWARDS PROGRAM

Title	Author	Total Votes
<i>Ship Breaker</i>	Bacigalupi, Paolo	
<i>You</i>	Benoit, Charles	
<i>The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin</i>	Berk, Josh	
<i>Oh. My. Gods.</i>	Childs, Tera Lynn	
<i>Dash & Lily's Book of Dares</i>	Cohn, Rachel and David Levithan	
<i>Matched</i>	Condie, Ally	
<i>Take Me There</i>	Dean, Carolee	
<i>Black Hole Sun</i>	Gill, David Macinnis	
<i>Please Ignore Vera Dietz</i>	King, A. S.	
<i>Rot and Ruin</i>	Maberry, Jonathan	
<i>Flash Burnout</i>	Madigan, L. K.	
<i>The Secret to Lying</i>	Mitchell, Todd	
<i>The Sky is Everywhere</i>	Nelson, Jandy	
<i>Virals</i>	Reichs, Kathy	
<i>Three Rivers Rising</i>	Richards, Jame	

Name (adult in charge) _____

Name of School or Library _____

School District _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone and e-mail _____

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KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 3 VOTING REPORT FORM

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Title	Author	Total Votes
<i>Orangutan Tongs</i>	Agee, Jon	
<i>Shark vs. Train</i>	Barton, Chris	
<i>Ron's Big Mission</i>	Blue, Rose	
<i>The Mount Rushmore Calamity</i>	Brown, Fred	
<i>Redwoods</i>	Chin, Jason	
<i>Dessert First</i>	Durand, Hallie	
<i>Let's Do Nothing</i>	Fucile, Tony	
<i>Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel</i>	Grimes, Nikki	
<i>Horace and Morris Say Cheese</i>	Howe, James	
<i>Spot the Plot</i>	Lewis, J. Patrick	
<i>No More Teasing</i>	Manushkin, Fran	
<i>Pandas' Earthquake Escape</i>	Perry, Phyllis	
<i>Zig and Wikki in Something Ate My Homework</i>	Spiegelman, N.	
<i>Dino-baseball</i>	Wheeler, Lisa	
<i>Here Comes the Garbage Barge</i>	Winter, Jonah	

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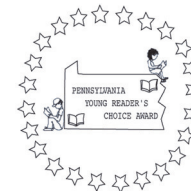
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GRADES 3-6 VOTING REPORT FORM

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The Strange Case of Origami Yoda	Angleberger, Tom	
The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity	Barnett, Mac	
The Day-Glo Brothers	Barton, Chris	
The Secret Science Alliance and the Copy Cat Crook	Davis, Eleanor	
A Tale Dark and Grimm	Gidwitz, Adam	
The Magnificent 12: The Call	Grant, Michael	
Roberto and Me	Gutman, Dan	
Rapunzel's Revenge	Hale, Shannon	
The Tilting House	Llewellyn, Tom	
Touch Blue	Lord, Cynthia	
Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum	McCarthy, Megan	
Emily's Fortune	Naylor, Phyllis R.	
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U. S. Marshal	Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux	
Calvin Coconut: Dog Heaven	Salisbury, Graham	
Drizzle	Van Cleve, Kathleen	

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School District _____

Address _____

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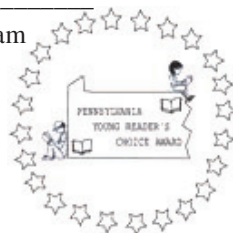
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GRADES 6-8 VOTING REPORT FORM

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Title	Author	Total Votes
<i>The Nine Pound Hammer</i>	Bemis, John Claude	
<i>School of Fear</i>	Daneshvari, Gitty	
<i>The Graveyard Book</i>	Gaiman, Neil	
<i>My Life in Pink and Green</i>	Greenwald, Lisa	
<i>Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer</i>	Grisham, John	
<i>Uprising</i>	Haddix, Margaret P.	
<i>Closed for the Season: A Mystery Story</i>	Hahn, Mary Downing	
<i>Operation Yes</i>	Holmes, Sara Lewis	
<i>The Popularity Papers</i>	Ignatow, Amy	
<i>The Clockwork Three</i>	Kirby, Matthew	
<i>Hero</i>	Lupica, Mike	
<i>The Brilliant Fall of Gianna Z.</i>	Messner, Kate	
<i>The Red Pyramid</i>	Riordan, Rick	
<i>On the Blue Comet</i>	Wells, Rosemary	
<i>The Incurable Children of Ashton Place:</i>	Wood, Maryrose	

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