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American Library Association announces 2012 Youth Media Award winners

The American Library Association (ALA) today announced the top books, video and audiobooks for children and young adults – including the Caldecott, Coretta Scott King, Newbery and Printz awards – at its Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, Texas. The Timberland Regional Library (TRL) youth materials selector is checking that the library system has copies of every title.

The list of all the 2012 award winners follows:

John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature:

- "Dead End in Norvelt," written by Jack Gantos.

Newbery Honor Books:

- "Inside Out & Back Again," written by Thanhha Lai
- "Breaking Stalin's Nose," written and illustrated by Eugene Yelchin

Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children:

- "A Ball for Daisy," illustrated and written by Chris Raschka

Caldecott Honor Books:

- "Blackout," illustrated and written by John Rocco
- "Grandpa Green" illustrated and written by Lane Smith
- "Me ... Jane," illustrated and written by Patrick McDonnell

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults:

- "Where Things Come Back," written by John Corey Whaley

Printz Honor Books:

- "Why We Broke Up," written by Daniel Handler, art by Maira Kalman
- "The Returning," written by Christine Hinwood
- "Jasper Jones," written by Craig Silvey
- "The Scorpio Races," written by Maggie Stiefvater

Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

- Kadir Nelson, author and illustrator of "Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans"

King Author Honor Book recipients:

- Eloise Greenfield, author of "The Great Migration: Journey to the North," illustrated by Jan Spivey Gilchrist

- Patricia C. McKissack, author of “Never Forgotten,” illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon

Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award:

- Shane W. Evans, illustrator and author of “Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom”

King Illustrator Honor Book:

- Kadir Nelson, illustrator and author of “Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans

Coretta Scott King – Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement:

- Ashley Bryan. (The award pays tribute to the quality and magnitude of beloved children’s author Virginia Hamilton.)

Storyteller, artist, author, poet and musician, Bryan created his first children’s book in first grade. He grew up in the Bronx and in 1962, he became the first African American to both write and illustrate a children’s book. After a successful teaching career, Bryan left academia to pursue creation of his own artwork. He has since garnered numerous awards for his significant and lasting literary contribution of poetry, spirituals and story.

Schneider Family Book Award for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience:

- No award in the category for children ages 0 – 8 this year.

Middle school award (ages 9 – 13):

- “close to famous,” by Joan Bauer
- “Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures,” by Brian Selznick

The teen (ages 14-18) award:

- “The Running Dream,” by Wendelin Van Draane

Alex Awards for the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences:

- “Big Girl Small,” by Rachel DeWoskin
- “In Zanesville,” by Jo Ann Beard
- “The Lover’s Dictionary,” by David Levithan
- “The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens,” by Brooke Hauser
- “The Night Circus,” by Erin Morgenstern
- “Ready Player One,” by Ernest Cline
- “Robopocalypse: A Novel,” by Daniel H. Wilson
- “Salvage the Bones,” by Jesmyn Ward
- “The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel in Pictures,” by Caroline Preston
- “The Talk-Funny Girl,” by Roland Merullo

Andrew Carnegie Medal for excellence in children's video:

- Paul R. Gagne and Melissa Reilly Ellard of Weston Woods Studios, Inc., producers of “Children Make Terrible Pets,” based on the book by Peter Brown, and narrated by Emily Eiden, with music by Jack Sundrud and Rusty Young, and animation by Soup2Nuts.

Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults:

- Susan Cooper: Her books include: The Dark Is Rising Sequence: “Over Sea, Under Stone”; “The Dark Is Rising”; “Greenwitch”; “The Grey King”; and “Silver on the Tree.”

May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture Award recognizing an author, critic, librarian, historian or teacher of children's literature, who then presents a lecture at a winning host site:

- Michael Morpurgo will deliver the 2013 lecture.

Born in England, Morpurgo was teaching when he discovered the magic of storytelling and began writing. His books are noted for their imagination, power and grace. In 1976, he and his wife established the charity Farms for City Children. He is an officer of the Order of the British Empire and served as Britain’s third Children’s Laureate. His novel, “War Horse,” has wowed theater audiences in London and New York and movie audiences all over.

Mildred L. Batchelder Award for an outstanding children's book translated from a foreign language and subsequently published in the United States:

- “Soldier Bear,” Originally published in Dutch in 2008 as “Soldaat Wojtek,” written by Bibi Dumon Tak, illustrated by Philip Hopman, translated by Laura Watkinson.

Batchelder Honor Book

- “The Lily Pond,” written by Annika Thor, and translated by Linda Schenck.

Odyssey Award for best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States:

- “Rotters,” written by Daniel Kraus and narrated by Kirby Heyborne.

Odyssey Honor audiobooks:

- “Ghetto Cowboy,” written by G. Neri and narrated by JD Jackson
- “Okay for Now,” written by Gary D. Schmidt and narrated by Lincoln Hoppe
- “The Scorpio Races,” written by Maggie Stiefvater and narrated by Steve West and Fiona Hardingham
- “Young Fredle,” written by Cynthia Voigt and narrated by Wendy Carter.

Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award honoring a Latino writer and illustrator whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience:

- “Diego Rivera: His World and Ours,” illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh, written by Duncan Tonatiuh

Belpré Illustrator Honor Books:

- “The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred,” illustrated by Rafael López, written by Samantha R. Vamos
- “Marisol McDonald Doesn’t Match /Marisol McDonald no combina,” illustrated by Sara Palacios, written by Monica Brown

Pura Belpré (Author) Award:

- “Under the Mesquite,” written by Guadalupe Garcia McCal

Belpré Author Honor Books:

- “Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck,” written by Margarita Engle
- “Maximilian and the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller,” written by Xavier Garza

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award for most distinguished informational book for children:

- “Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy’s Parade,” written by Melissa Sweet

Sibert Honor Books:

- “Black & White: The Confrontation between Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Eugene ‘Bull’ Connor,” by Larry Dane Brimner
- “Drawing from Memory,” written and illustrated by Allen Say
- “The Elephant Scientist,” written by Caitlin O’Connell and Donna M. Jackson, photographs by Caitlin O’Connell and Timothy Rodwell
- “Witches!: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem” written and illustrated by Rosalyn Schanze

Stonewall Book Award for English-language children’s and young adult books of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered experience:

- “Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy,” by Bil Wright

Stonewall Honor Books:

- “a + e 4ever,” drawn and written by Ilike Merey
- “Money Boy,” written by Paul Yee
- “Pink,” written by Lili Wilkinson
- “with or without you,” written by Brian Farrey

Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the most distinguished beginning reader book:

- “Tales for Very Picky Eaters,” written and illustrated by Josh Schneider

Geisel Honor Books:

- “I Broke My Trunk,” written and illustrated by Mo Willems
- “I Want My Hat Back,” written and illustrated by Jon Klassen
- “See Me Run,” written and illustrated by Paul Meisel

William C. Morris Award for a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens:

- “Where Things Come Back,” written by John Corey Whaley

Other finalists:

- “Girl of Fire and Thorns,” by Rae Carson
- “Paper Covers Rock,” by Jenny Hubbard
- “Under the Mesquite,” written by Guadalupe Garcia McCall
- “Between Shades of Gray,” by Ruta Sepetys

YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults honors the best nonfiction book published for young adults, ages 12 – 18:

- “The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery” by Steve Sheinkin

Other finalists:

- “Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science,” written by Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos
- “Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition,” written by Karen Blumenthal
- “Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way),” written by Sue Macy
- “Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein,” by Susan Goldman Rubin

Recognized worldwide for the high quality they represent, ALA awards are selected by judging committees of librarians and other children’s experts. The awards encourage original and creative work. For more information on the ALA youth media awards visit the ALA Web site at www.ala.org. For other lists of recommended titles for youth, visit the Timberland Regional Library Web site at www.TRL.org.

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