

What is the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award Program?



The purpose of the Black-Eyed Susan (BES) Book Awards Program is to promote life-long reading habits by encouraging students to read and enjoy quality, contemporary literature which broadens understanding of the human experience. Each year 15 new picture books and 10 new chapter books are nominated to be on the Black-Eyed Susan list for students in Maryland to read.

Again this school year, students are encouraged to visit the library media center to check out and read as many of the books nominated for the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award, as possible. In April, the students in grades 4-5 that can demonstrate they read at least 3 of the nominated chapter books can vote for their favorite book online. Students in grades K-5 who can demonstrate they read at least 10 of the nominated picture books will also vote online. Students who meet these requirements across the state of Maryland have the opportunity to vote for their favorite from the appropriate category. The winner of the Black-Eyed Susan book award is always announced in May after all the student votes are counted.

Thanks for supporting this exciting free choice reading program at home.

To learn more about the award and past winners, log onto: <http://www.maslmd.org/> or contact the library media specialist, Lisa Norris. Lisa_B_Norris@mcpsmd.org

See this year's Black-Eyed Susan Nominees below.



MARYLAND BLACK-EYED SUSAN AWARD NOMINEES 2009-2010



Picture Books

Title

Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek A Tall Tale
Cesar Takes a Break
Chester
Dadblamed Union Army Cow
Daft Bat
Do unto Otters: A Book about Manners
Fiona's Luck
Help Me, Mr. Mutt! : Expert Answers for Dogs
With People Problems
I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer
Madam President
Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau
Tadpole Rex
The End
Gingerbread Girl
Rainforest Grew All Around

Author

Hopkinson, Deborah
Thoms, Susan Collins
Watt, Melanie
Fletcher, Susan
Willis, Jeanne
Keller, Laurie
Bateman, Teresa

Stevens, Janet
Weatherford, Carole
Smith, Lane
Berne, Jennifer
Cyrus, Kurt
Larochelle, David
Ernst, Lisa
Mitchell, Susan

Chapter Books-Grades 4-6

Title

A Crooked Kind of Perfect
Brendan Buckley's Universe and
Everything in it
Diamond Willow
Dragon's Egg
Fearless
Igraine the Brave
Paint the Wind
Samuel Blink and the Forbidden Forest
Savvy
Swindle

Author

Urban, Linda

Frazier, Sundee
Frost, Helen
Thomson, Sarah
Woodruff, Elvira
Funke, Cornelia
Ryan, Pam
Haig, Matt
Law, Ingrid
Korman, Gordon