The Black-Eyed Susan Book Award is a children’s choice award for the state of Maryland. Each year since 1992, the Black-Eyed Susan Book Award has been given to authors and/or illustrators of outstanding books chosen for the award by Maryland students. The award seeks to promote literacy and lifelong reading habits by encouraging students to read quality, contemporary literature.

For more info: http://www.maslmd.org/index.php

**Grades 4-6 Nominees**
- After all, you’re Callie Boon by Winnie Mack
- The cast of the case of Mistaken Identity by Mac Barnett
- Emily’s Fortune by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- Everything for a Dog by Ann M. Martin
- The Girl who could Fly by Victoria Forester
- Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm
- 42 Miles by Tracie Vaughan Zimmer
- Dream of Night by Heather Henson
- The gold Rush Kid by Mary Waldorf
- Along Walk to Water: A Novel Based on a True Story by Linda Sue Park

**Grades 6-9 Nominees**
- Fish by Gregory Mone
- The Smoky Corridor by Chris Grabenstein
- Bystander by James Preller
- Closed for the Season by Mary Downing Hahn
- Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce
- The Defense of Thaddeus A Ledbetter: A Novel by John Gosselink
- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
- Out of my Mind by Sharon Draper
- Half Brother by Kenneth Oppel
- Trash by Andy Mulligan

**Grade 8 Only**
- The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon
- All Unquiet Things by Anna Jarzab
- Girl, Stolen by April Henry
- Hate List by Jennifer Brown
- How to Say Goodbye in Robot by Natalie Standiford
- Jump by Elisa Carbone
- A Kiss in Time by Alex Flinn
- Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X. Stork

Other Helpful Resources for Book Lists and Information:
- Join The Teen Summer Reading 2011 to win prizes at Montgomery County Public Libraries:
  - www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library
- Young Adult Library Services Association:
  - www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists
- What should I read next?
  - http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/search

**Study Skills Website:**
To refine reading strategies, note taking strategies, vocabulary building and more go to:
- http://www.how-to-study.com/

**English Concepts Internet Sites**
In addition, if you would like to work on reading/ writing/vocabulary with your child over the summer, please visit the following sites.
- http://www.vocabulary.co.il/prefixes/
- http://www.scholastic.com/readeveryday/
- http://www.readwritethink.org/parent-afterschool-resources/grade/7-8/
- http://owl.english.purdue.edu/

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At Kingsview Middle School we would like to encourage students to become lifelong readers. We believe this is best done by allowing students to explore their own interests in selecting summer reading. With that in mind, KMS requires all students to read two books of their choice. These books may be either fiction or non-fiction.

As you read over the summer, it is your responsibility to keep one page of notes about each of the books you have chosen. Your notes will be the basis of a writing assessment during the first week of school and will count as your first 10 point homework assignment.

- Choose at least two novels to read over the summer. A number of suggestions are included, but choose what interests and challenges you.
- For each book, list the title, author, and main events on a sheet of paper either typed or neatly written.
- The more detailed your notes, the more prepared you will be for class. Ideas for notes:
  - What you liked or disliked
  - Connections you've made with the text, i.e. "I've had that same feeling." or "That sounds like a book I've read before!"
  - Beginning, Middle, and End of the story
  - Conflict or Problem / Solution
  - Characters, Setting, Theme

When students return to school in the fall, they will be expected to have their completed notes with them for a homework grade. The students should be prepared to complete a written response based on their reading. Recommendations for books students might enjoy are included in this packet. In addition we have provided web addresses to support your note taking skills and where other selections can be found. There is also a link on the Kingsview web page at:

http://www.mcpss.net/schools/kingsviewms/

Teacher Recommendations

Mrs. Sullivan recommends: The Hunger Games (and it's series) by Suzanne Collins Could you survive in the Wild, on your own, when you know everyone is against you?


Mr. Godfroy recommends: School of Fear books 1 and 2 which is a series that takes place in a school trying to cure students of their most extreme phobias.

Mr. Ambrose recommends: You Wouldn't Want to Be a Civil War Soldier. The Civil War depicted with humor plus reality in this cartoon treatment of the armies of the North and South.

Mrs. Prince recommends: The Suddenly Supernatural Series If you like pop-culture references and psychics, this is your book.

Ms. Dorsey recommends: Day of Tears. If you are looking for a read aloud with your child, this historical fiction book is a series of monologues that moves around through time.

Mrs. Abdelhalim recommends: Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain is a classic book that teaches about the havoc and whimsy of a pre-teen in the 1800's. This would be a great addition to challenge any reader.

Mr. Waldman recommends: The Battle of Jericho, and it's sequel November Blues from the Coretta Scott King award winner Sharon M. Draper. Also from Draper,

Ms. Bey recommends: Copper Sun. Amari, brutally taken from Africa and sold into slavery in Carolina, is befriended by Polly, an indentured servant.

Ms. Christen recommends: No More Dead Dogs. Wallace has had enough of school reading assignments but his rebellion leads to humorous consequences.

Ms. Pearce recommends: The Graveyard Book. Orphaned, Bod is raised by neighborhood ghosts.

Mrs. Beroza recommends: The Thief. A talented young thief is sprung from prison to steal a legendary stone for the king.

Mr. Leff recommends: Science Fair: A Story of Mystery, Danger, International Suspense and a Very Nervous Frog. Middle-schoolers foil a sinister plot.

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