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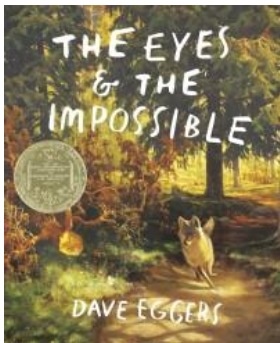
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2024 Youth Media Awards



It's award season, and the American Library Association has announced this year's winners!

The Eyes and the Impossible by Dave Eggers. DB116273. Free dog Johannes'



job is to observe everything that happens in his urban park and report back to the park's three bison elders, but changes are afoot, including more humans, a new

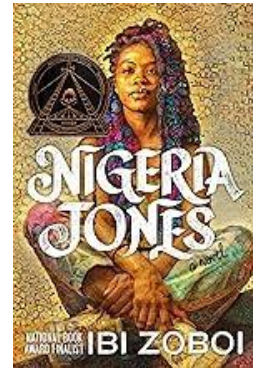
building, a boatload of goats, and a shocking revelation that changes his view of the world. Adventure. Animal Stories. **Newbery Medal** winner for distinguished contribution to American literature for children. For grades 4-7.

Nigeria Jones by Ibi Zoboi. DB116574. Sixteen-year-old Nigeria's father is the leader of a Black liberation group, and when her mother disappears, she finds herself stepping into a role she doesn't want. As she searches for her mother,

she uncovers a shocking truth that will lead her to question everything she

thought she knew about her life and her family.

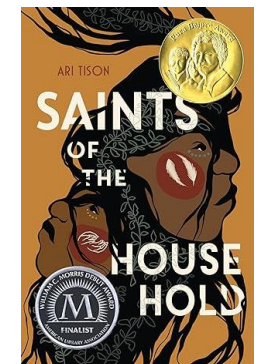
Allegorical Fiction. Family Chronicles. **Coretta Scott King Award** winner for outstanding young adult



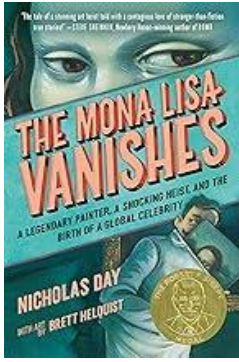
book by an African American author. For senior high and older readers.

Saints of the Household by Ari Tison. DB114637. When brothers Max and Jay help a classmate in trouble, they struggle with the consequences of their violent actions and worry they may be more like their abusive father than they thought. They decide to turn to their

Bribri roots to find their way forward. Allegorical Fiction. Family Chronicles. Strong language and some violence. **Pura Belpré Award** winner for Latinx writer whose young adult book best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience. For senior high and older readers.



The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity by



Nicholas Day. Slip back in time and follow Leonardo da Vinci, painter of the Mona Lisa, through his dazzling, wondrously weird life, and discover the secret at the heart of the Mona Lisa. **Robert F. Sibert**

Informational Book Medal winner for the most distinguished informational book for children. For grades 4-7.

The Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award



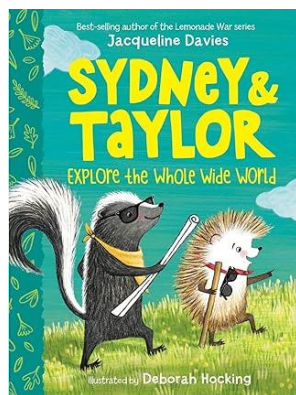
Award sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries is named in honor of Beverly Cleary, the Oregon born children's book author. Children of all ages may vote each spring for their favorite title from the list

of nominated books. The winning title is announced on Beverly Cleary's birthday, April 12. Here are a few of this year's nominees that include books targeted to the reading ability of 2nd-3rd graders:

Sydney & Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World. Sydney & Taylor: 1 by

Jacqueline Davies. DB108329.

The story of two unlikely friends: a skunk and a hedgehog who strike out to discover the great unknown, despite how afraid they are of it. Animal Fiction. For grades K-3.

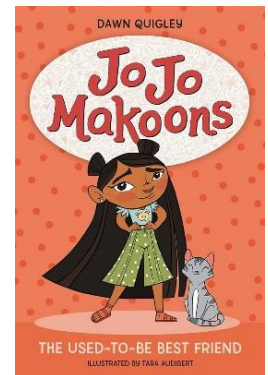


Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey. Maybe Marisol: 1 by Erin Entrada Kelly.

DB110274. Marisol, who has a big imagination and likes to name inanimate objects, has a tree in her backyard named Peppina, but she's way too scared to climb it. Will Marisol find the courage to climb Peppina? Maybe. Friendship Fiction. For grades 2-4.

The Used-to-be Best Friend. Jo Jo Makoons: 1 by Dawn Quigley.

DB105559. Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently from anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. Even though Jo Jo loves her best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends. School Fiction. For grades 2-4.

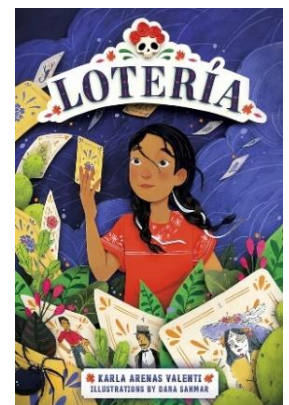


The Oregon Reader's Choice Award is given each year to the book Oregon students

have voted as their favorite book. Here are some of this year's nominees:

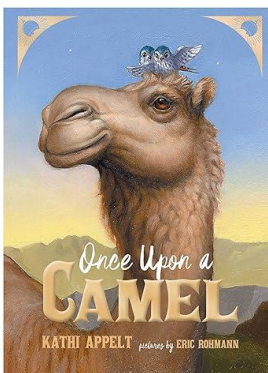
Lotería by Karla Arenas Valenti.

DB105104. In Oaxaca City, Mexico, ancient friends Life and Death discuss free will while engaged in a game of chance, with eleven-year-old Clara as the protagonist of their theories and a pawn in their game, moving inevitably towards her ultimate fate. Fantasy. For grades 3-6.



The House that Wasn't There by Elana Arnold. DB103841. When a new family with a particularly annoying girl named Oak moves next door to Alder, they can't imagine ever becoming friends. But they soon discover a series of mysterious, possibly magical, connections between the two of them. Friendship Fiction. For grades 4-7.

Once Upon a Camel by Kathi Appelt.



DB106184. 1910. Zada, a camel, treks across the West Texas desert to save two baby kestrels from an approaching haboob, a mountain-sized storm. She shares stories of the adventures from her youth in Turkey to keep them calm. Animal Fiction. For grades 4-7.

Soul Lanterns by Shaw Kuzki, translated by Emily Balistrieri.

DB107621. Twelve-year-old Nozomi's understanding of the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945 is transformed when she learns how those she knows and loves were affected by the event. Translated from the 2013 Japanese edition. Historical Fiction, For grades 5-8.



In the Wild Light by Jeff Zentner. DB105150. Attending an elite prep school on a scholarship with his best friend (and secret love), sixteen-year-old Cash struggles with emotional pain until his English teacher suggests writing poetry. LGBTQIA+ Romance. For senior high and older readers.

Announcements and Events

America's Field Trip

The National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled and the Library of Congress are celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.



America's Field Trip is a nationwide contest inviting students in grades 3 through 12 to submit artwork, videos, or essays responding to the question "What does America mean to you?" The deadline to enter is May 17, 2024. Find more information and submission guidelines at america250.org/FieldTrip.

National Federation of the Blind STEM2U program

Join the NFB of Oregon on Saturday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the Oregon Commission for the Blind for a transformative day of discovery designed for blind youth. Learn fundamental nonvisual tools and techniques for science, technology, engineering, and math to boost education and career aspirations. To apply visit nfb.org/stem2u.

NFB BELL® Academy

The NFB of Oregon will offer a residential program this summer at the Washington State School for the Blind that empowers blind and low-vision children by developing their literacy skills. August 4-10, 2024 (ages 8-13) Registration is \$85 per student (scholarships available). Registration will open early spring at nfb.org/bell.



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Winter Reading Challenge Winner!

Congratulations to Audrey Sheeran for winning the drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Great job completing all nine book challenge squares! Thank you to all who played this year!

2024 Summer Reading Program



This summer’s theme is “Read, Renew, Repeat” and will feature the idea of conservation, protecting wildlife, and taking care of

our beautiful planet. More information will be coming soon!

New DVDS to Check out!

PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie

DVD0785. A magical meteor crash lands in Adventure City and gives the PAW Patrol pups superpowers, transforming them into The Mighty Pups. Starring Marsai Martin, Finn Lee-Epp, Rated PG. 2023.

Barbie. DVD0800. Barbie and Ken are having the time of their lives in the colorful and seemingly perfect world of Barbie Land. However, when they get a chance to go to the real world, they soon discover the joys and perils of living among humans. Starring America Ferrera, Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling, Rated PG-13. 2023.