

Bancroft Library

Dear Future Fourth and Fifth Graders and your parents,

Next year will be our 17th year participating in the Massachusetts Children's Book Award program. This reading incentive program is coordinated by Salem State University and is open to all 4th – 6th grade students in Massachusetts.

Twenty-five titles are selected by the MCBA committee from suggestions sent in by participating teachers, librarians and students. Each year's list is made up of unique, current, high quality books which are available in paperback. Each Spring, a winning book from the list is selected from the votes of students across Massachusetts. In order to qualify to vote for the winning book, a student must read at least five titles from the list by February vacation.

Next year, we will have 6 sets of 25 books for all the classes to share. As with the past few years, that will mean that some children may have to wait for their first choice of book to read. Therefore, we are requesting that students donate purchased MCBA books to the Bancroft Library when finished reading them. MCBA books will be available for checkout at school in September.

Students may begin their MCBA reading now. I have put the list of nominated titles on the reverse side of this letter. You will find these books at Memorial Hall Library and any of the local bookstores. Some of them are even available as audio books or e-books. Try listening to or reading one or two during those long boring car rides and see how quickly the time passes!

If students read any of the books before next Fall, they have two choices for recording their reading. They may keep a written log of their reading that includes: title, date completed and a 2-3 sentence review of the book (not just "it was good or bad".) The review must include what they liked or didn't like and **why**. Or, they may use their Destiny account to write a review of the book (same rules apply.) We will review how to do this before school ends and written instructions will be emailed home. If there are any questions before school is over, please come see me in the Library or e-mail me.

Sincerely,

Ms. Snow
School Librarian
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Massachusetts Children's Book Award List 2015-2016

- Applegate, K. (2012). *The One and Only Ivan*.
- Bowen, F. (2012). *Go for the Goal!*
- Cervantes, A. (2013). *Gaby, Lost and Found*.
- Chainani, S. (2013). *The School for Good and Evil*.
- Colfer, C. (2012). *The Land of Stories: The Wishing Spell*.
- DiCamillo, K. (2013). *Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures*.
- Foxlee, K. (2014). *Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy*.
- Gaiman, N. (2013). *Fortunately, the Milk*.
- Grabenstein, C. (2013). *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*.
- Graff, L. (2013). *A Tangle of Knots*.
- Harley, B. (2013). *Charlie Bumpers vs. The Teacher of the Year*.
- Horvath, P. (2012). *Mr. and Mrs. Bunny – Detectives Extraordinaire!*
- Kimmel, E. C. (2012). *Legend of the Ghost Dog*.
- Krulik, N. (2012). *Jack Gets a Clue: The Case of the Loose-Toothed Shark*.
- Lee, J. (2013). *Elvis and the Underdogs*.
- Mack, W. C. (2013). *Athlete vs. Mathlete*.
- MacLachlan, P. (2014). *Fly Away*.
- Marino, N. (2013). *Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace*.
- Mills, C. (2013). *Kelsey Green, Reading Queen*.
- Ritter, M. (2015). *The Nearly Calamitous Taming of PZ: A laboratory dog's search for love*.
- Shurtliff, L. (2013). *Rump: The True Story of Rumpelstiltskin*.
- Sloan, H. G. (2013). *Counting by 7s*.
- Sutherland, T. T. (2012). *Wings of Fire: The Dragonet Prophecy*.
- Tarshis, L. (2012). *I Survived: The Attacks of September 11, 2001*.
- Watts, J. (2012). *Kizzy Ann Stamps*.