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Thanks also to the many librarians and teachers around our state who encourage students to read the nominated books and to participate in the Book Award Program. It is their support and involvement in the program that guarantees its continuation and success.

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We anxiously await the outcome of the votes of our children in March 2010 when new winners of the N.C. Children's Book Award are chosen once again. Happy reading!

Be sure to check the Web Page for current information at:

*<http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/>*

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**Librarians from all over the state make the work of the North Carolina Children's Book Award program possible. Public librarians and school librarians work together gathering nominations, promoting the program, reading the books to children, sharing related activities with children, selecting titles, and sponsoring the voting for the North Carolina Children's Book Award program each year.**

**A special thanks to the following librarians for their efforts this year by attending the selection meeting, managing the year-long business of the committee, and writing activities for this booklet. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!**

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**Note:**

In an effort to reduce the number of pages that must be printed to view and utilize our activities for each title we streamlined and divided the document in two parts.

**ACTIVITY BOOKLET containing:**

- activities for each title
- bibliographic annotations
- election result forms
- nomination forms

**PROGRAM GUIDELINES containing**

- the rules and guidelines.

These documents can be found in separate links on the Bookhive site

(<http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/>)

under the headings ‘Activity Booklet’ and ‘2010 NCCBA Guidelines’ respectively

We hope this proves to be beneficial to you.

Thank you for your support!

Your NCCBA Committee

## **Ideas for Participating in the North Carolina Children's Book Award Program**

Order as many of the books as possible early in the year. Order multiple copies so that at least one copy of each title can be put on reserve for librarians and/or teachers.

All nominated books on the list do not have to be shared with children. Some titles may not fit with your library's selection policy. Students only need to read five books to be eligible to vote. Share as many titles as possible. Suggestions for possible activities follow.

Have a party or reception for the children and/or teachers to come and "meet the candidates." Have a schedule or calendar ready for them to sign up for their use. Be sure to communicate which titles you intend to use in your story times and/or lessons.

Make book bags or boxes for each book that might include activities for home or school, discussion questions, or hands-on items that would be appropriate to supplement the story. Promote these activity bags to teachers, parents, homeschoolers, and private schools.

Plan a unit on voting or elections and extend the unit into activities around the book nominations. Include campaign managers, speeches, slogans, posters, banners, parades, etc. culminating in an election in which an actual voting booth is used. Sponsor a contest for best banner or poster.

Have a special reading week before the voting when you ask other staff members in the school to help read the books to children--include secretaries, custodians, bus drivers, assistant principals, supervisors, local celebrities, and parents. Videotape and broadcast.

Make a "Reading Rainbow" type video with the students writing and performing the book reviews. Broadcast on school news shows.

Create an award for the winning book in your school. Create a certificate and commission a potter to create an award plate and send it to the winning author along with notes and pictures from the students.

For voting, display the books in the order they are listed on the voting ballot. Borrow official voting machines from your local Board of Elections or investigate voting electronically or in a spreadsheet computer program. Place grocery bags in front of each book and have children drop beans or paper slips into one bag to cast their vote. Use the bookmarks in the activity booklet to register the titles they have read and then circle their choice for winner.

Use the NCCBA Book List as Honor Club books for parents and students to purchase for the Media Center. Have them on display at the school's first Open House.

Remember to introduce other new books to nominate for next year's award. Have students fill out the nomination form in the booklet.

## TIMELINE FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE NCCBA PROGRAM

July-August	Order books. Register your library at <a href="http://www.plcmc.org.bookhive/NCCBA">http://www.plcmc.org.bookhive/NCCBA</a> . Prepare story times and lesson plans.
July-March	Read books and share with children. Implement various activities. Introduce the program to teachers and librarians. Encourage teachers to read books aloud to children. Promote the NCCBA Program at meetings, classes, programs, etc. Introduce other new books that fit the criteria for the next year's program. Have students fill out nomination forms.
Sept.-Oct.	Attend NCSLMA and NCLA conferences to see winning authors and attend book talk sessions.
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Begin sending nominations to Bookhive web site or by regular mail.
January	Make final plans for voting activities.
February	Finish sharing books. Send nominations for next year's consideration list.
March 1 <sup>st</sup>	Nominations due for next year's consideration list. Send in nominations to Bookhive web site or by regular mail.
March	Review Books
<b>Vote</b> and send in totals for EACH title by <b>March 31</b> .	
Students may vote once in Picture Book AND Junior Book categories if they have read the proper number of books in both categories. Students may also vote once at the public library.	
You may send in <b>vote totals</b> by snail mail, e-mail, fax, or online. Send vote totals only once. Library and school systems may send vote totals as a system. Be careful not to duplicate individual library totals if you voted online at Bookhive.	
April	Winner is announced during National Library Week & posted to <a href="http://www.plcmc.org.bookhive/NCCBA">http://www.plcmc.org.bookhive/NCCBA</a> and other websites and professional publications. Have a celebration party in your library. Place NCCBA seals on the covers of winning titles.
May	Nominated titles are set by the end of the month and posted to <a href="http://www.plcmc.org.bookhive/NCCBA">http://www.plcmc.org.bookhive/NCCBA</a> and other web sites.
July	Activity booklet is published by the end of July and posted to <a href="http://www.plcmc.org.bookhive/NCCBA">http://www.plcmc.org.bookhive/NCCBA</a> and other web sites.
August	Information on the program is mailed to school and public library systems.
September	Winners are officially presented with the NCCBA honor.

All information posted on web sites is also available in print form. Contact our Co-Chairs for more information.

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## WEB POSTINGS

Websites that post information and/or activities and lesson ideas for the nominated books:

<http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/>  
<http://www.ncslma.org/>  
<http://www.ncwiseowl.org>

## Activity Ideas

This year the committee has created a new site

<http://nccbaactivityshare.wikispaces.com/>

At this site we encourage you to post any new ideas you may have used when sharing the titles with children.

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**NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD  
PAST WINNERS**

**PICTURE BOOK AWARD**

- \*1992 (First Award)      *In a Dark, Dark Room and other Scary Stories*  
by Alvin Schwartz
- \*1993                      *The Seven Chinese Brothers*  
by Margaret Mahy
- \*1994                      *The Stinky Cheese Man*  
by Jon Scieszka
- \*1995                      *The Rainbow Fish*  
by Marcus Pfister
- \*1996                      *The Man Who Tricked a Ghost*  
by Laurence Yep
- \*1997                      *Officer Buckle and Gloria*  
by Peggy Rathman
- \*1998                      *Roses are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink*  
by Diane DeGroat
- \*1999                      *Verdi*  
by Janell Cannon
- \*2000                      *Ghost of Sifty Sifty Sam*  
by Angela Shelf Medearis
- \*2001                      *Hooway for Wodney Wat*  
by Helen Lester
- \*2002                      *Bad Case of Stripes*  
by David Shannon
- \*2003                      *More Parts*  
by Tedd Arnold
- \*2004                      *Take Me out of the Bathtub and other Silly Dilly Songs*  
by Alan Katz  
Illustrated by David Catrow
- \*2005                      *Bad Boys*  
by Margie Palatini  
Illustrated by Henry Cole
- \*2006                      *My Lucky Day*  
by Keiko Kasza
- \*2007                      *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude*  
by Kevin O'Malley
- \*2008                      *Scaredy Squirrel*  
By Melanie Watt
- \*2009                      *Who is Melvin Bubble?*  
by Nick Bruel

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PAST WINNERS**

**JUNIOR BOOK AWARD**

- \*1995 (First Award)**            *The Boys Start the War*  
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- \*1996**                            *My Teacher Fried My Brains*  
by Bruce Coville
- \*1997**                            *Wicked Jack*  
by Connie Wooldridge
- \*1998**                            *Shiloh Season*  
by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- \*1999**                            *Frindle*  
by Andrew Clements
- \*2000**                            *Crash*  
by Jerry Spinelli
- \*2001**                            *Tornado*  
by Betsy Byars
- \*2002**                            *Salt in His Shoes*  
by Delores and Roslyn Jordan
- \*2003**                            *Fearless Jack*  
by Paul Brett Johnson
- \*2004**                            *The Secrets of Ms. Snickle's Class*  
by Laurie Miller Hornik  
Illustrated by Debbie Tilley
- \*2005**                            *The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups: The Second File*  
by David Wisniewski
- \*2006**                            *Togo*  
by Robert J. Blake
- \*2007**                            *A Dog's Life*  
by Ann M. Martin
- \*2008**                            *Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich*  
by Adam Rex
- \*2009**                            *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal*  
by Jeff Kinney

## NCCBA 2010 Picture Book Nominations

**Becker, Bonny. *A Visitor for Bear*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press. 2008.**

Bear's efforts to keep out visitors to his house are undermined by a very persistent mouse.

**Best, Cari. *Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen*. NY: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux. 2006.**

When Sally Jean outgrows her beloved bicycle, Flash, she experiments with various ideas for acquiring a new, bigger one.

**Broach, Elise. *When Dinosaurs Came with Everything*. NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2007.**

Although his mother is a little worried, a young boy is delighted to discover that every shop in town is giving away real dinosaurs to their customers.

**Grey, Mini. *Traction Man Meets Turbodog*. NY: Alfred A. Knopf. 2008.**

Traction Man, an action figure, teams up with the high-tech but not-so-bright Turbodog to rescue Scrubbing Brush, his missing sidekick, from the terrible underworld of the bin.

**Helakoski, Leslie. *Woolbur*. NY: HarperCollins Children's Books. 2008.**

Woolbur, a sheep with a mind of his own, never seems to follow the flock, despite his parents' reminders about how he should behave.

**Himmelman, John. *Katie Loves the Kittens*. NY: Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 2008.**

When Sara Ann brings home three little kittens, Katie the dog's enthusiasm frightens the kittens away, until she learns that quiet patience is sometimes needed to begin a friendship.

**Jenkins, Emily. *The Little Bit Scary People*. NY: Hyperion Books for Children. 2008.**

Some people are a little bit strange or a little too loud, and just a little bit scary. But I bet, if you knew them, and knew their favorite things, you'd think that maybe, (probably) most people aren't so scary after all.

**Joose, Barbara M. *Wind-Wild Dog*. NY: Henry Holt & Co. 2006.**

Ziva, a "wind-wild" young sled dog, decides whether to stay with the man who has trained her or to run free with the wolves and wind.

**Larson, Kirby. *Two Bobbies: a True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival*. NY: Walker and Company. 2008.**

Bobbi (the dog) and Bob Cat are the best of friends. When their hometown of New Orleans was struck by Hurricane Katrina, many lost everything. Bobbi and Bob Cat only survived by staying together. This is the story of their remarkable friendship.

**Rappaport, Doreen. *Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln*. NY: Hyperion Books for Children. 2008.**

Describes the life of our sixteenth president, a self-taught man whose compassion and honesty gradually earned him the trust of many Americans and eventually a seat in the highest office of the United States.

**Raven, Margot Theis. *Night Boat to Freedom*. NY: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux. 2006.**

At the request of his fellow slave Granny Judith, Christmas John risks his life to take runaways across a river from Kentucky to Ohio. Based on slave narratives recorded in the 1930s.

**Scotton, Rob. *Splat the Cat*. NY: HarperCollins Children's Books. 2008.**

A nervous Splat finds his first day at Cat School much better than he expected.

**Stauffacher, Sue. *Nothing But Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson*. NY: Alfred A. Knopf. 2007.**

A biography of Althea Gibson, the first black tennis player to ever compete in what is now known as the U.S. Open, and in the Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, England.

**Thomas, Jan. *The Doghouse*. Orlando: Harcourt. 2008.**

Cow, Pig, Duck, and Mouse are afraid to retrieve their ball when it goes into the dog's house, but when they do go in they are pleasantly surprised.

## NCCBA 2010 Junior Book Nominations

**Bishop, Nic. *Frogs*. NY: Scholastic Non-Fiction. 2008.**

Nic Bishop's photographs show all different kinds of frogs, big ones, very tiny ones, frogs with beautiful colors of skin, and one frog you can see inside of.

**Bertholf, Bret. *The Long Gone Lonesome History of Country Music*. NY: Little, Brown and Company. 2007.**

A journey through the history of country music.

**Cabot, Meg. *Moving Day*. NY: Scholastic Press. 2008.**

Nine-year-old Allie Finkle has rules for everything and is even writing her own rule book, but her world is turned upside-down when she learns that her family is moving across town, which will mean a new house, school, best friend, and plenty of new rules.

**Creech, Sharon. *Hate That Cat*. NY: Joanna Cotler Books. 2008.**

Jack is studying poetry again in school, and he continues to write poems reflecting his understanding of famous poems and how they relate to his life.

**Davies, Nicola. *Extreme Animals: the Toughest Creatures on Earth*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press. 2006.**

Animals adapt to their surroundings for survival. Learn how they survive in conditions that humans never would. Are you ready for the competition? From the persevering emperor penguins of the South Pole to the brave bacteria inside bubbling volcanoes, from the hardy reptiles of the driest deserts to the squash-proof creatures of the deepest seabeds, animals have adapted to survive in conditions that would kill a human faster than you can say "coffin...."

**Frost, Helen. *Diamond Willow*. NY: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux. 2008.**

In a remote area of Alaska, twelve-year-old Willow helps her father with their sled dogs when she is not at school, wishing she were more popular, all the while unaware that the animals surrounding her carry the spirits of dead ancestors and friends who care for her.

**Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Found*. NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2008.**

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

**Kadohata, Cynthia. *Cracker!: the Best Dog in Vietnam*. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2007.**

A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog.

**Law, Ingrid. *Savvy*. NY: Dial Books for Young Readers. 2008.**

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"--a magical power unique to each member of her family--just as her father is injured in a terrible accident.

**Lowry, Lois. *The Willoughbys*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin. 2008.**

In this tongue-in-cheek take on classic themes in children's literature, the four Willoughby children set about to become "deserving orphans" after their neglectful parents embark on a treacherous around-the-world adventure, leaving them in the care of an odious nanny.

**MacLachlan, Patricia. *Edward's Eyes*. New York: Atheneum Books. 2007.**

Edward is one of a large and close family that loves baseball, music, books, and each other, and when he unexpectedly dies and his parents donate his organs, his wonderful eyes go to a perfect recipient.

**Sidman, Joyce. *This is Just to Say: Poems of Apology and Forgiveness*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children. 2007.**

When Mrs. Merz asks her sixth grade class to write poems of apology, they end up liking their poems so much that they decide to put them together into a book. Not only that, but they get the people to whom they apologized to write poems back. In haiku, pantoums, two-part poems, snippets, and rhymes, Mrs. Merz's class writes of crushes, overbearing parents, loving and losing pets, and more....

**NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN’S BOOK AWARD  
PICTURE BOOK CATEGORY GUIDELINES**

Sponsored by the NC School Library Media Association and the Children's Services and School Librarians sections of the North Carolina Library Association.

**Purpose:**

- \* To encourage lower elementary students to become better acquainted with the best writers and illustrators of contemporary books with outstanding literary appeal;
- \* To broaden students’ awareness of literature as a means of personal satisfaction and lifelong pursuit;
- \* To promote reading aloud with students in the early grades as a means of introducing reading as a pleasure;
- \* To give recognition and honor to their favorite books, authors, and illustrators.

**Voting Procedures and Rules:**

- \* **Register** your library at <http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/>.
- \* Elementary school children will vote during the month of March 2010 from the list of nominated books.
- \* To be eligible to vote, children must be exposed to at least five of the titles by either reading them in their entirety independently, or by having them read aloud.
- \* Each qualified voter has one vote for his/her favorite book and may participate through the public library **and/or** school library/classroom.
- \* **Total votes for each title** should be tabulated and sent to the Book Award Committee (Lisa England or Jane Deacle) by March 31, 2010.
- \* Votes may be sent by snail mail, fax, email or online at Bookhive (<http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/>).
- \* **Send vote tallies for ALL TITLES.** Systems may send group totals from several libraries if individual libraries are not sending vote totals online.

**Nominations Procedure for the 2011 Award:**

- \* Grade school children may make suggestions anytime during the school year.
- \* Suggestions for titles to be nominated for the 2011 award may be sent from November 1, 2009 – March 1, 2010.
- \* **DEADLINE for nominations is MARCH 1, 2010.** See form for nominating titles in activity booklet.

A committee representing NCSLMA, NCASL, and CSS will choose 10 to 15 titles from the list of suggestions submitted by the children to be on the 2011 Children’s Picture Book Award nominees.

**Eligibility for the 2011 Award:**

- \* The nominated book must be recognized as a noteworthy picture book, fiction, or nonfiction, appropriate for grades K-3.
- \* The nominated book must have a copyright date of 2007 or later.

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**NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD 2010**  
**Junior Book Award Guidelines**  
**(appropriate for 4th through 6th grades)**

Sponsored by the North Carolina School Library Media Association and the North Carolina Association of School Librarians and the Children's Services Sections of the North Carolina Library Association.

**Purpose:**

- \* To encourage students in grades 4 through 6 to become better acquainted with noteworthy writers of contemporary books;
- \* To broaden students' awareness of literature as a means of personal satisfaction and lifelong pursuits;
- \* To promote reading aloud with students as a means of extending the concept of reading for pleasure;
- \* To give recognition and honor to their favorite books, authors, and illustrators.

**Voting Procedures and Rules:**

- \* Register your library at [www.bookhive.org/nccba](http://www.bookhive.org/nccba).
- \* Students vote the month of March 2010 from the list of nominated books.
- \* To be eligible to vote, children must be exposed to at least five of the titles by either reading them in their entirety themselves, or having them read to them in their entirety or a combination of the two.
- \* Each qualified voter has one vote for his/her favorite book and may participate through the public library **and/or** school library/classroom.
- \* **Total votes for each title** should be tabulated and sent to the Book Award Committee Chairs (Lisa England or Jane Deacle) by March 31, 2010.
- \* Votes may be sent by snail mail, fax, e-mail or online at Bookhive (<http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/>).
- \* **Send vote tallies for ALL TITLES.** Systems may send group totals from several libraries if individual libraries are not sending vote totals online.

**Nominations Procedure for the 2011 Award:**

- \* Children may make suggestions any time during the school year.  
See form for nominating titles in activity booklet.
- \* Suggestions for titles to be nominated for the 2011 award may be sent from November 1, 2009 – March 1, 2010.
- \* **All nominations are due March 1, 2010.**

A committee representing NCSLMA, NCASL and CSS will choose approximately 10 to 15 titles from the list of suggestions submitted by the children to be the 2011 Junior Book award nominees.

**Eligibility for the 2011 Award:**

- \* The nominated book must be recognized as a noteworthy Junior book, fiction or nonfiction, appropriate for grades 4-6.
- \* The nominated book must have a copyright date of 2007 or later.

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