

# **NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

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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**

**[\(http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/\)](http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/)**

**under the headings ‘Activity Booklet’ and ‘2011 NCCBA Guidelines’ respectively**

**We hope this proves to be beneficial to you.**

**Thank you for your support!**

**Your NCCBA Committee**

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.

A special thanks goes to Follett Book Company who supports this committee by performing book availability checks, providing annotations, and printing & distributing a NCCBA poster each year.

We anxiously await the outcome of the votes of our children in March 2011 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/>

See additional web postings at NCSLMA.

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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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Special thanks to our Webmaster, Paul Devillo, with the Charlotte Public Library system. Visit <http://www.plcmc.org/bookhive/NCCBA/> to view his wonderful work and to register for the program.

## **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	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 15	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> .
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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/>

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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
- 2010**                      *Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival*  
by Kirby Larson and Mary Nethery

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PAST WINNERS**

**JUNIOR BOOK AWARD**

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| <b>*1995 (First Award)</b> | <i>The Boys Start the War</i><br>by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  |
| <b>*1996</b>               | <i>My Teacher Fried My Brains</i><br>by Bruce Coville  |
| <b>*1997</b>               | <i>Wicked Jack</i><br>by Connie Woodriddle   |
| <b>*1998</b>               | Shiloh Season<br>by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  |
| <b>*1999</b>               | <i>Frindle</i><br>by Andrew Clements   |
| <b>*2000</b>               | <i>Crash</i><br>by Jerry Spinelli  |
| <b>*2001</b>               | <i>Tornado</i><br>by Betsy Byars   |
| <b>*2002</b>               | <i>Salt in His Shoes</i><br>by Delores and Roslyn Jordan   |
| <b>*2003</b>               | <i>Fearless Jack</i><br>by Paul Brett Johnson  |
| <b>*2004</b>               | <i>The Secrets of Ms. Snickle's Class</i><br>by Laurie Miller Hornik<br>Illustrated by Debbie Tilley |
| <b>*2005</b>               | <i>The Secret Knowledge of Grown-Ups: The Second File</i><br>by David Wisniewski                     |
| <b>*2006</b>               | <i>Togo</i><br>by Robert J. Blake  |
| <b>*2007</b>               | <i>A Dog's Life</i><br>by Ann M. Martin  |
| <b>*2008</b>               | <i>Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich</i><br>by Adam Rex  |
| <b>*2009</b>               | <i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal</i><br>by Jeff Kinney                                |
| <b>2010</b>                | <i>Cracker!: The Best Dog in Vietnam</i><br>by Cynthia Kadhota                                       |

NCCBA 2011 Picture Book Nominations

- Bluemle, Elizabeth. *How Do You Wokka-Wokka?* Somerville, Mass: Candlewick Press. 2009.**  
A young boy who likes to "wokka-wokka, shimmy-shake, and shocka-shocka" gathers his neighbors together for a surprise celebration.
- Brown, Peter. *The Curious Garden.* NY: Little, Brown and Company. 2009.**  
Liam discovers a hidden garden and with careful tending spreads color throughout the gray city.
- Fucile, Tony. *Let's Do Nothing.* Sommerville, Mass: Candlewick Books. 2009.**  
Frankie and Sal have run out of things to do: "We've played every sport ever invented" and "baked enough cookies to feed a small country--" Then Sal hits upon a solution: "Let's do nothing!" How hard could that be?
- Greenstein, Elaine. *The Goose Man: the Story of Konrad Lorenz.* 2009.**  
This book tells the true story of Konrad Lorenz, whose love for animals as a child led to his winning the Nobel Prize for his groundbreaking research of the behavior of geese.
- Kajikawa, Kimiko. *Tsunami!* NY: Philomel Books. 2009.**  
A wealthy man in a Japanese village, whom everyone calls Ojiisan, which means grandfather, sets fire to his rice fields to warn the innocent people of an approaching tsunami.
- Lithgow, John. *I Got Two Dogs.* NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2008.**  
A song celebrating two dogs that are as different as they could be, and both well-loved by their owner.
- MacDonald, Margaret Read. *The Great Smelly, Slobbery, Small-Tooth Dog : a Folktale from Great Britain.* Atlanta, GA: August House Little Folk. 2007.**  
In this British variant of a traditional tale, a great smelly, slobbery, small-tooth dog rescues a rich man from bandits and demands that the man bring his beautiful daughter to live in his castle.
- McNaughton, Colin. *Not Last Night But the Night Before.* Sommerville, MA: Candlewick Press. 2009.**  
A child's quiet night is transformed into a birthday celebration full of beloved fairy-tale characters.
- Perlman, Janet. *The Delicious Bug.* Toronto: Kids Can Press. 2009.**  
A struggle between two chameleons over one delicious bug highlights the importance of peacefully resolving conflict.
- Piernas-Davenport, Gail. *Shanté Keys and the New Year's Peas.* Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman. 2007.**  
When Shanté is sent to find black-eyed peas for her family's New Year's celebration, she learns about each of her neighbor's New Year's traditions in their home countries.
- Thomas, Jan. *Rhyming Dust Bunnies.* NY: Atheneum Books for Young Readers. 2008.**  
As three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned, and Ted, are demonstrating how much they love to rhyme, a fourth, Bob, is trying to warn them of approaching danger.
- Van Dusen, Chris. *Circus Ship.* Somerville MA: Candlewick Press. 2009.**  
When a circus ship runs aground off the coast of Maine, the poor animals are left on their own to swim the chilly waters. Staggering onto a nearby island, they soon win over the wary townspeople with their kind, courageous ways. So well do the critters blend in that when the greedy circus owner returns to claim them, villagers of all species conspire to outsmart the bloated blowhard.

## NCCBA 2011 Junior Book Nominations

**Carmichael, Clay. *Wild Things*. Honesdale, PA: Front Street. 2009.**

Stubborn, self-reliant, eleven-year-old Zoe, recently orphaned, moves to the country to live with her prickly half-uncle, a famous doctor and sculptor, and together they learn about trust and the strength of family.

**Clayton, Sally Pomme. *Persephone*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 2009.**

Persephone is carried off to the underworld by Hades, but her mother, Demeter, places a curse of winter on the earth until Zeus allows Persephone to return, which causes spring to come, stipulating that Persephone must return to Hades for three months every year.

**Cole, Henry. *A Nest for Celeste: A Story About Art, Inspiration and the Meaning of Home*. NY: Katherine Tegen Books. 2010.**

Celeste, a mouse longing for a real home, becomes a source of inspiration to teenaged Joseph, assistant to the artist and naturalist John James Audubon, at a New Orleans, Louisiana, plantation in 1821.

**Davies, Jacqueline. *The Lemonade War*. Boston: Sandpiper/Houghton Mifflin. 2007.**

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

**Deedy, Carmen Agra. *14 Cows for America*. Peachtree Publishers. 2009.**

Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11th attacks from a young Massai, who was in New York on that day, decide to present the American people with fourteen sacred cows as a healing gift.

**DiTerlizzi, Tony. *Kenny and the Dragon*. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2008.**

Book-loving Kenny the rabbit has few friends in his farming community, so when one, bookstore owner George, is sent to kill another, gentle dragon Grahame, Kenny must find a way to prevent their battle while satisfying the dragon-crazed townspeople.

**Hiaasen, Carl. *Scat*. NY: Alfred A. Knopf. 2009**

Nick and his friend Marta decide to investigate when a mysterious fire starts near a Florida wildlife preserve and an unpopular teacher goes missing.

**Kehoe, Tim. *The Unusual Mind of Vincent Shadow*. NY: Little, Brown and Company. 2009.**

Eleven-year-old Vincent Shadow, inspired by the ideas of the inventor Nikola Tesla, has always kept his many unusual toy inventions secret from his family until he enters a contest whose prize is to spend a summer working with the eccentric Howard G. Whizz of Whizzer Toys.

**Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. NY: Little, Brown and Company. 2009.**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.

**Mass, Wendy. *11 Birthdays*. NY: Scholastic Press. 2009.**

After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

**Philbrick, Rodman. *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*. NY: Blue Sky Press. 2009.**

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.

**Winter, Jonah. *You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?* NY: Schwartz & Wade Books. 2009.**

In this striking picture book biography, an old-timer tells us what made Sandy Koufax so amazing. We learn that the beginning of his career with the Brooklyn Dodgers was rocky, that he was shy with his teammates, and experienced discrimination as one of the only Jews in the game. We hear that he actually quit, only to return the next season--different--firing one rocket after another over the plate....

**Woodson, Jacqueline. *Peace, Locomotion*. NY: G. P. Putnam's Sons. 2009.**

Through letters to his little sister, who is living in a different foster home, sixth-grader Lonnie, also known as "Locomotion," keeps a record of their lives while they are apart, describing his own foster family, including his foster brother who returns home after losing a leg in the Iraq War.

**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 2011 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, 2011.
- \* 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, 2010 – March 15, 2011.
- \* **DEADLINE for nominations is MARCH 15, 2011.** 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 2008 or later.

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**NORTH CAROLINA CHILDREN’S BOOK AWARD 2011**  
**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 2011 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, 2011.
- \* 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, 2010 – March 15, 2011.
- \* *All nominations are due March 15, 2011.*

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 2008 or later.

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