

WE ARE GRATEFUL: OSTALIHELIGA* Traci Sorell

The word otsaliheliga (oh-jah-LEE-hay-lee-gah) is used by members of the Cherokee Nation to express gratitude. Beginning in the fall with the new year and ending in summer, follow a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences.

JUST ASK! BE DIFFERENT, BE BRAVE, BE YOU* Sonia Sotomayor

Sonia and her friends plant a garden, and each one contributes in his or her own special way, in a book that celebrates the many differences among humans.

MAGIC RAMEN: THE STORY OF MOMOFUKO ANDO Andrea Wang

Inspiration struck when Momofuku Ando spotted the long lines for a simple bowl of ramen following World War II. Magic Ramen tells the true story behind the creation of one of the world's most popular foods.

MIA MAYHEM IS A SUPERHERO! Kara West

It only takes five easy steps to give the cat a bath, but there is only one problem: the cat has no intention of doing ANY of these steps! Soon it's not just the cat who needs a bath.

STUDENT'S INFORMATION – PLEASE PRINT

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School _____ Grade _____

Book Selection (1st choice) _____

Book Selection (2nd choice) _____



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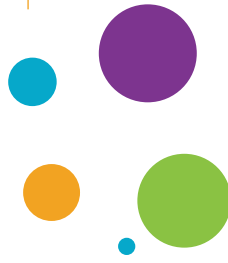
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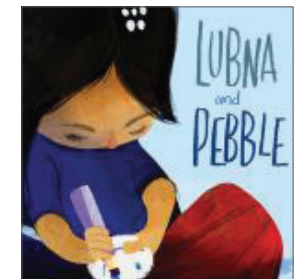
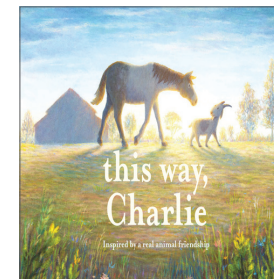
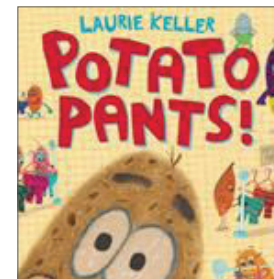
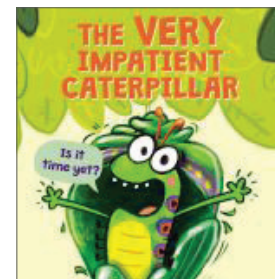


FOR GRADES K-3

The Monarch Young Readers' Book Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades K-3 in participating Illinois schools and libraries.

CHOOSE A CHALLENGE:

1. Read or listen to at least three of this year's Monarch books, and vote for your favorite in February 2022 at the library. **OR**
2. Read or listen to all 20 Monarch books, vote for your favorite in February 2022, and **receive a free paperback book from the current list or a past Monarch list.** Return your completed Monarch Challenge form to the first-floor desk by March 12, 2022.



PETER AND ERNESTO: A TALE OF TWO SLOTHS Graham Annable
Peter loves their tree and never wants to leave, while Ernesto loves the sky and wants to see it from every place on earth. So Ernesto leaves to have a grand adventure, and Peter stays behind. Will their separation tear these friends apart?

I AM EVERY GOOD THING* Derrick Barnes
An upbeat, empowering, important picture book from the team that created the award-winning Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut.

SUMOKITTY* David Bierdrzycki
A stray kitty gets a job in a sumo stable, chasing mice in exchange for food. But when eating like a sumo wrestler slows our feline hero down, he realizes he must train like a wrestler, too.

THE VERY IMPATIENT CATERPILLAR* Ross Burach
A caterpillar learns to be patient while trying to metamorphosize.

HAIR LOVE* Matthew A. Cherry
A little girl's daddy steps in to help her arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self.

WHEN GRANDMA GIVES YOU A LEMON TREE* Jamie L. B. Deenihan
When Grandma gives you a lemon tree, definitely don't make a face! Care for the tree, and you might be surprised at how new things, and new ideas, bloom.

HONEYBEE: THE BUSY LIFE OF APIS MELLIFERA Candace Fleming
Take to the sky with Apis, one honeybee, as she embarks on her journey through life!

FEDERICO AND THE WOLF* Rebecca J. Gomez
Clever Federico outsmarts el lobo in this fresh and funny Mexican-American take on Little Red Riding Hood.

POTATO PANTS! Laurie Keller
Potato is very excited to buy a pair of pants on sale at Lance Vance's Fancy Pants Store, but when he sees Eggplant, who pushed him the day before, he is afraid to go in.

Lexile Grade

GN 390L K-5

n/a PreK-2

520 K-2

AD 260L K-3

AD 480L PreK-2

490L PreK-5

AD 750L K-3

AD 600L PreK-2

AD 530L PreK-

THIS WAY, CHARLIE* Caron Levis
Jack, an introverted goat, and Charlie, a blind horse, meet at Open Bud Ranch, an animal rehabilitation center, and form an unlikely friendship that grows stronger in the face of adversity.

FRY BREAD* Kevin Noble Maillard
Told in lively and powerful verse by debut author Kevin Noble Maillard, Fry Bread is an evocative depiction of a modern Native American family, vibrantly illustrated by Pura Belpre Award winner and Caldecott Honoree Juana Martinez-Neal.

THE CAMPING TRIP* Jennifer K. Mann
Ernestine has never been camping before, but she's sure it will be lots of fun . . . won't it? An endearing story about a girl's first experience with the great outdoors.

LUBNA AND PEBBLE Wendy Meddour
Lubna's best friend is a pebble. Pebble always listens to her stories. Pebble always smiles when she feels scared. But when a lost little boy arrives in the World of Tents, Lubna realizes that he needs Pebble even more than she does.

THE PROUDEST BLUE: A STORY OF HIJAB AND FAMILY*
Ibtihaj Muhammad & S.K. Ali
Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school.

BETWEEN US AND ABUELA: A FAMILY STORY FROM THE BORDER
Mitali Perkins
When Maria, Juan, and their mother go to the border between California and Mexico to visit their grandmother at Christmas, Maria must devise a way to get Juan's gift over the fence.

PRIDE: THE STORY OF HARVEY MILK AND THE RAINBOW FLAG*
Rob Sanders
Traces the life of the Gay Pride Flag, from its beginnings with social activist Harvey Milk and designer Gilbert Baker to its spanning of the globe and its role in today's world.

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AD 640L K-3

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460L PreK-2

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