



2027 Monarch Award Nominees

(Kindergarten through Third Grade)

For every five Monarch nominees read and turned in by May 15, 2027, you will earn a special Monarch scratch-off ticket for a chance at prizes and get entered in the grand-prize drawing! You can stop in to get your ticket(s) as you read them or wait until the end of the program. You can earn up to four tickets by reading all twenty books. Be sure to check back in March to vote for your favorite. You will also get your name on our Award Wall of Fame, on our Facebook page, and in the newspaper!

Each year, 20 books are nominated for this award and then voted on by students in kindergarten through third grade in Illinois. The name was chosen because it's familiar to children and works great to symbolize the growth, change, and freedom of becoming a reader. The award is designed to help children become familiar with books, authors, and illustrators and help them read critically with a variety of fiction and nonfiction titles.

☒ Title & Author	Call Number
☐ <i>All At Once Upon a Time</i> by Mara Rockliff	E Rocklif
☐ <i>The Bakery Dragon</i> by Devin Elle Kurtz	E Kurtz
☐ <i>Buffalo Fluffalo</i> by Bess Kalb	E Kalb
☐ <i>Don't Trust Fish</i> by Neil Sharpson	E Sharpso
☐ <i>Fix-it Familia</i> by Lucky Diaz	E Diaz
☐ <i>Henna Is...</i> by Marzieh Abbas	E Abbas
☐ <i>Home in a Lunchbox</i> by Cherry Mo	E Mo
☐ <i>I'm Sorry You Got Mad</i> by Kyle Lukoff	E Lukoff
☐ <i>Little Bird Laila</i> by Kelly Yang	E Yang
☐ <i>A Llama is Not an Alpaca: And Other Mistaken Animal Identities</i> by Karen Jameson	J 599.63 Jameson
☐ <i>Millie Fleur Saves the Night</i> by Christy Mandin	E Mandin
☐ <i>Not a Monster</i> by Claudia Martinez	E Martine
☐ <i>100 Mighty Dragons All Named Broccoli</i> by David LaRoche	E LaRoche
☐ <i>Pop! Goes the Nursery Rhyme</i> by Betsy Bird	E Bird
☐ <i>So Tortoise Dug</i> by Emmy Kastner	E Kastner
☐ <i>Some of Us: The Story of Citizenship in the United States</i> by Rajani LaRocca	E LaRocca
☐ <i>There Are No Ants in This Book</i> by Rosemary Mosco	E Mosco
☐ <i>To Catch a Ghost</i> by Rachel Michelle Wilson	E Wilson
☐ <i>Touch the Sky</i> by Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic	E Luciano
☐ <i>Ursula Upside Down</i> by Corey R. Tabor	E Tabor



2027 Bluestem Award Nominees

(Third Grade through Fifth Grade)

For every five Bluestem nominees read and turned in by May 15, 2027, you will earn a special Bluestem scratch-off ticket for a chance at prizes and get entered in the grand-prize drawing! You can stop in to get your ticket(s) as you read them or wait until the end of the program. You can earn up to four tickets by reading all twenty books. Be sure to check back in March to vote for your favorite. You will also get your name on our Award Wall of Fame, on our Facebook page, and in the newspaper!

Each year, 20 books are nominated for the Bluestem Award and then voted on by students in third through fifth grade in Illinois. It's designed for students who want more challenging books than Monarch, but who aren't quite ready for Rebecca Caudill. It's named for Big Bluestem, which is the state prairie grass.

☒	Title & Author	Call Number
☐	<i>An American Story</i> by Kwame Alexander	J 306.3 Alexand
☐	<i>Averil Offline</i> by Amy Noelle Parks	JF Parks
☐	<i>Call Me Roberto! Roberto Clemente Goes to Bat for Latinos</i> by Nathalie Alonso	J 796.357 Alonso
☐	<i>The Girl and the Robot</i> by Oz Rodriguez	JF Rodrigu
☐	<i>Eyes on the Ice</i> by Anna Rosner	JF Rosner
☐	<i>The Iguanodon's Horn: How Artists and Scientists Put A Dinosaur Back Together Again and Again and Again</i> by Sean Rubin	J 567.914 Rubin
☐	<i>Leeva at Last</i> by Sara Pennypacker	JF Pennypa
☐	<i>Lola Reyes is So Not Worried</i> by Cindy L. Rodriguez	JF Rodrigu
☐	<i>Lost and Found: Based on a True Story</i> by Mei Yu	JF [GRN] Yu Bk. 1
☐	<i>Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All</i> by Chanel Miller	JF Miller
☐	<i>Mixed-Up</i> by Kami Garcia	JF [GRN] Garcia
☐	<i>Monkey King and the World of Myths: The Monster and the Maze</i> by Maple Lam	JF [GRN] Lam Bk. 1
☐	<i>My Antarctica: True Adventures in the Land of Mummified Seals, Space Robots, and So Much More</i> by G Neri	J 998 Neri
☐	<i>Octopus Moon</i> by Bobbie Pyron	JF Pyron
☐	<i>Right Back at You</i> by Carolyn Mackler	JF Mackler
☐	<i>Sparkle</i> by Lakita Wilson	JF Wilson
☐	<i>Speechless</i> by Aron Nels Steinke	JF [GRN] Steinke
☐	<i>A Strange Thing Happened in Cherry Hall</i> by Jasmine Warga	JF Warga
☐	<i>The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest</i> by Aubrey Hartman	JF Hartman
☐	<i>The Very, Very Far North: A Story for Gentle Readers and Listeners</i> by Dan Bar-el	JF Bar-el Bk. 1



2027 Rebecca Caudill Award Nominees

(Fourth Grade through Eighth Grade)

For every five Rebecca Caudill nominees read and turned in by May 15, 2027, you will earn a special Rebecca Caudill scratch-off ticket for a chance at prizes and get entered in the grand-prize drawing! You can stop in to get your ticket(s) as you read them or wait until the end of the program. You can earn up to four tickets by reading all twenty books. Be sure to check back in February/March to vote for your favorite. You will also get your name on our Award Wall of Fame, on our Facebook page, and in the newspaper!

Each year, 20 books are nominated for this award and then voted on by students in fourth through eighth grade in Illinois. It is given in honor of Rebecca Caudill in recognition of her writing talent and the love of her books by children and young adults. She lived and wrote in Urbana, IL for almost 50 years.

☒	Title & Author	Call Number	Interest Levels (grades)
☐	<i>And Then, Boom!</i> by Lisa Fipps	JF Fipps	5-7
☐	<i>Bye Forever, I Guess</i> by Jodi Meadows	JF Meadows	6-8
☐	<i>The Enigma Girls : How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets, and Helped Win World War II</i> by Candace Fleming	J 940.54 Fleming	7-8
☐	<i>Extra Normal</i> by Kate Alice Marshal	JF Marshal	5-7
☐	<i>Four Eyes</i> by Rex Ogle	J [GRN] 921 Ogle Rex	5-8
☐	<i>Impossible Creatures</i> by Katherine Rundell	JF Rundell Bk. 1	5-8
☐	<i>Jennifer Chan is Not Alone</i> Tae Keller	JF Keller	6-8
☐	<i>Keeping Pace</i> by Laurie Morrison	JF Morriso	6-8
☐	<i>The Labors of Hercules Beal</i> by Gary D. Schmidt	JF Schmidt	5-8
☐	<i>Louder Than Hunger</i> by John Schu	JF Schu	7-8
☐	<i>Mid-Air</i> by Alicia Williams	JF William	6-8
☐	<i>The Partition Project</i> by Saadia Faruqi	JF Faruqi	6-8
☐	<i>Popcorn</i> by Rob Harrell	JF Harrell	5-7
☐	<i>The Sherlock Society</i> by James Ponti	JF Ponti BK. 1	5-7
☐	<i>The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman</i> by Gennifer Choldenko	JF Cholden	5-8
☐	<i>365 Days to Alaska</i> by Cathy Carr	JF Carr	5-7
☐	<i>The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest</i> by Aubrey Hartman	JF Hartman	5-7
☐	<i>Weirdo</i> by Tony Weaver, Jr.	JF [GRN] Weaver	6-8
☐	<i>Witchlings</i> by Claribel A. Ortega	JF Ortega Bk. 1	5-6
☐	<i>Worst-Case Collin</i> by Rebecca Caprara	JF Caprara	6-8



2027 Lincoln Award Nominees

(Ninth Grade through Twelfth Grade)

For every five Lincoln nominees read and turned in by May 15, 2026, you will earn a special Lincoln scratch-off ticket for a chance at prizes and get entered in the grand-prize drawing! You can stop in to get your ticket(s) as you read them or wait until the end of the program. You can earn up to four tickets by reading all twenty books. Be sure to check back in March to vote for your favorite. You will also get your name on our Award Wall of Fame, on our Facebook page, and in the newspaper!

Each year, 20 books are nominated for this award and then voted on by teens in ninth through twelfth grade in Illinois. The Lincoln Award is designed to encourage reading for enjoyment and to become lifelong readers. It helps teens become familiar with young adult & adult authors and books. The award is named after former President and one of Illinois' most famous residents, Abraham Lincoln, who was an avid reader and noted author.

☒	Title & Author	Call Number
☐	<i>All the Fighting Parts</i> by Hannah V. Sawyerr	YA Sawyerr
☐	<i>All the Noise at Once</i> by DeAndra Davis	YA Davis
☐	<i>Bingsu for Two</i> by Sujin Witherspoon	YA Withers
☐	<i>Bittersweet in the Hollow</i> by Kate Pearsall	YA Pearsal Bk. 1
☐	<i>Brownstone</i> by Samuel Teer	Graphic Teer
☐	<i>Death in the Jungle : Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown</i> by Candace Fleming	YA 988.1 Fleming
☐	<i>Don't Let the Forest In</i> by C. G. Drews	YA Drews
☐	<i>Flamboyants : the Queer Harlem Renaissance I Wish I'd Known</i> by George M. Johnson	YA 700.92 Johnson
☐	<i>A Forgery of Fate</i> by Elizabeth Lim	YA Lim
☐	<i>The Hard Parts : A Memoir of Courage and Triumph</i> by Oksana Masters	921 Masters Oksana
☐	<i>The House of My Mother : A Daughter's Quest for Freedom</i> by Shari Franke	921 Franke Shari
☐	<i>The Lesbiana's Guide to Catholic School</i> by Sonido Reyes	YA Reyes
☐	<i>Louder Than Hunger</i> by John Schu	JF Schu
☐	<i>Love Radio</i> by Ebony LaDelle	YA LaDelle
☐	<i>Nettle and Bone</i> by T. Kingfisher	F Kingfis
☐	<i>Shadowed</i> by Carl Dueker	YA Dueker
☐	<i>A Tempest of Tea</i> by Hafsah Faizal	YA Faizal Bk. 1
☐	<i>This Is Where We Die</i> by Cindy R. X. He	YA He
☐	<i>Twenty-Four Seconds From Now... : A LOVE story</i> by Jason Reynolds	YA Reynold
☐	<i>We Could Be Magic</i> by Marissa Meyer	Graphic Meyer