

The Monarch Award

The Monarch Award is given annually (beginning in 2005) to an author and/or illustrator of a book voted as their favorite by participating K - 3 children in Illinois. The award is sponsored by the Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA) and is designed to encourage Illinois students to read critically and to become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators.

The award is named in honor of the Monarch Butterfly, Illinois state insect. The butterfly symbolizes growth, change and freedom qualities that also characterize the emergent reader.

Winners |Nominees

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2005	Shannon, David	<u>David Gets in Trouble.</u>
2006	Kasza, Keiko	<u>My Lucky Day.</u>
2007	Buehner, Caralyn	<u>Superdog: The Heart of a Hero.</u>
2008	Van Dusen, Chris	<u>If I Built a Car.</u>
2009	O'Malley, Kevin	<u>Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude.</u>
2010	Watt, Mélanie	<u>Scaredy Squirrel.</u>
2011	Thomas, Jan	<u>Rhyming Dust Bunnies.</u>
2012	Barton, Chris	<u>Shark vs. Train.</u>
2013	Litwin, Eric	<u>Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes.</u>
2014	Katz, Jon	<u>Meet the Dogs of Bedlam Farm.</u>

2015 Nominees

Bishop, Nic	<u>Snakes.</u>
Cooke, Lucy	<u>A Little Book of Sloth.</u>
Daly, Cathleen	<u>Prudence Wants a Pet.</u>
Daywalt, Drew	<u>The Day the Crayons Quit.</u>
Emmett, Jonathan	<u>The Princess and the Pig.</u>
Henkes, Kevin	<u>Penny and Her Marble.</u>
Kelly, David A.	<u>Miracle Mud: Lena Blackburne and the Secret Mud That Changed Baseball.</u>
Mack, Jeff	<u>Frog & Fly: Six Slurpy Stories.</u>
McDonnell, Patrick	<u>Me--Jane.</u>
Meshon, Aaron	<u>Take Me Out to the Yakyu.</u>
Messner, Kate	<u>Over and Under the Snow.</u>
Rappaport, Doreen	<u>Helen?s Big World: The Life of Helen Keller.</u>
Reynolds, Aaron	<u>Creepy Carrots!</u>
Rose, Deborah Lee	<u>Jimmy the Joey: The True Story of an Amazing Koala Rescue.</u>
Schertle, Alice	<u>Look Out, Jeremy Bean!</u>
Sternberg, Julie	<u>Like Bug Juice on a Burger.</u>
Tonatiuh, Duncan	<u>Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin.</u>
Van Dusen, Chris	<u>If I Built a House.</u>
Willems, Mo	<u>That Is Not a Good Idea!</u>
Woodson, Jacqueline	<u>Each Kindness.</u>

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