



The Monarch Award: Illinois' K-3 Readers' Choice Award

Information Sheet

Welcome to the 2012 Monarch Award Program! The Monarch Award is designed to encourage Illinois children to read critically and to become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. The award is named for the Monarch Butterfly and symbolizes the growth, change and freedom that characterize the emergent reader. The Monarch Award is given annually to an author and/or illustrator of a book voted as their favorite by participating K-3 children in Illinois.

Materials linked under 2012 at the website include:

<http://www.islma.org/monarch.htm>

Information Sheet (2 pages)

Author/Title Bookmark Template (3 per page)

2012 Annotated Master List

Read All 20 sticker sheet (print on 2x4 adhesive labels) and grid for attaching stickers.

Official Student Ballot Template (2 per page)

2011 Winner Certificate suitable for framing (1/2 page) and 2011 blank certificate

Linked under 2013: 2013 Nomination Form and Criteria for Nomination (2 pages)

Quick facts for participating schools and libraries:

The Monarch Award may be administered by school libraries, public libraries and/or teachers.

The registration fee for the Monarch Award is \$10 per year. The deadline is January 15, 2012.

Registered schools/libraries may apply for an LBSS Endowment Grant to receive a free set of books.

Participating schools or public libraries will implement activities to promote the Monarch Award.

12 of the 20 titles on the Master List must be available for reading.

Children who have read or had read to them at least 5 of the 20 Master List titles are eligible to vote.

Schools and libraries will develop a procedure for determining voting eligibility.

Voting may take place at any time prior to February 28th; however recording the votes on the online ballot is available from February 15-28.

The online ballot template must be used or the other voting suggestions are given on the next page.

ALL student votes/TOTAL votes must be submitted online by midnight February 28, 2011.

Calendar

Now-February 2012

September 15, 2011

October 28-30, 2011

January 15, 2012

February, 2012

February 15-28, 2012

March, 2012

April, 2012

May 15, 2012

Spring, 2012

Read 2012 Monarch Master List Titles

Nomination deadline for 2013 Award

2011 winner recognized at ISLMA Conference, Springfield

2012 Registration deadline

2013 Monarch Nominees announced

Submit 2012 votes electronically by midnight February 28th

2012 winner announced

2013 Children's Choice Award registration brochure mailed

Deadline to apply for LBSS Endowment Grant for 2013 books

2012 Nominee and packet Web Resources Posted

Nominations 2013

The Monarch Steering Committee **STRONGLY** encourages participating schools and libraries to nominate titles for next year's Master List. The quality of the Master List is based on the nominations received. Nominations for the 2013 Monarch Award must have copyrights from 2007-2011 and are due by September 15, 2011. The nomination form is available at <http://www.islma.org/monarch.htm> All information must be completed including: Author, Title, Publisher, Copyright, Type—picture book, easy reader, or chapter book. Nominations received after September 15, 2011 will be considered for the 2014 award if they meet the criteria.

Stickers

One 2012 *winner sticker* will be mailed to registered schools and libraries. Additional winner and nominee stickers may be purchased at the ISLMA 2011 Conference or ordered via a form on the website. Stickers available to order:

Four **winner** stickers, \$2.00 (Specify year. 2005-2012 available.)

24 round Monarch **logo** stickers with no text for nominees or winner, \$6.00. >

60 smaller square **nominee** stickers, \$6.00. >

All orders should be mailed to:

Monarch Stickers, % ISLMA, P. O. Box 598, Canton, IL 61520.

Make checks payable to ISLMA.



Nominee

Voting Ideas

Number pictures of the nominees on a bulletin board to correspond with the numbers on the paper ballot to facilitate voting for younger readers. Other possible ideas include a ballot with pictures of the books, using pennies or tokens and containers with pictures of the books, allowing a student to put a sticker next to a picture of the book to cast a vote. Just a reminder: some techniques, such as a show of hands, are prone to peer pressure and may affect the outcome of the vote. Secret ballots are preferred.

Readers' Committee

The Readers' Committee is comprised of 50 volunteers from throughout the state of Illinois and includes school library media specialists, children's librarians and educators who read the top 100 nominees and narrow the list to 50 titles. In a face-to-face meeting in January, the readers narrow the list to the Master List of 20 titles based on the criteria for the Monarch Award.

Volunteers

Those who wish to be involved in Monarch Award activities can find a volunteer form at www.islma.org/monarch.htm If the 2013 Readers' Committee is already filled, your name may be held for future years. Submitting your name each year ensures that you remain on the volunteer list.

Ideas/Suggestions/Questions

Check out the **FAQ** on our website. Post your ideas and questions to ISLMANET. If you still have questions or suggestions contact Peggy Burton, Monarch Award Chair at dsmma@frontiernet.net or 217- 238-2800(W) or 217- 768-4461(H).

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