



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

Information Sheet

Welcome to the 2014 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 2014 at the website include:

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

Information Sheet (2 pages)

Author/Title Bookmark Template (3 per page)

2014 Master List

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

Official Student Ballot Template (2 per page)

Linked under 2015: 2015 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, 2014.

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 March 15th; however recording the votes on the online ballot is available from February 15th to March 15th.

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 March 15, 2014.

Calendar

Now-March 2014

September 15, 2013

October 18-20, 2013

January 15, 2014

February, 2014

Feb. 15-Mar. 15, 2014

March, 2014

April, 2014

May 15, 2014

June, 2014

Read 2014 Monarch Master List Titles

Nomination deadline for 2015 Award

2013 winner recognized at ISLMA Conference, Springfield

2014 Registration deadline

2015 Monarch Nominees announced

Submit 2014 votes electronically by midnight March 15th

2014 winner announced

2015 Children's Choice Award registration brochure mailed

Deadline to apply for LBSS Endowment Grant for 2015 books

2015 Nominee and packet Web Resources Posted

Nominations 2015

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 2015 Monarch Award must have copyrights from 2009-2013 and are due by September 15, 2013. The nomination form is available at <http://www.islma.org/monarch.htm>. All information must be completed including: Author, Title, Publisher, Copyright, Type. Nominations received after September 15, 2013 will be considered for the 2016 award if they meet the criteria.

Stickers

Winner and nominee stickers may be purchased at the ISLMA 2013 Conference or ordered via a form on the website. Stickers available to order:

Four **winner** stickers, \$2.00 (Specify year. 2005-2013 available.)

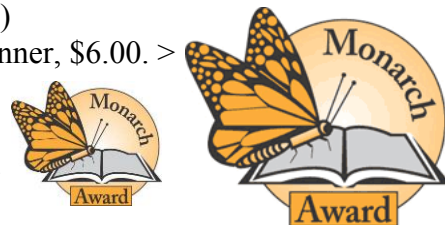
24 round Monarch **logo** stickers with no text for nominees or winner, \$6.00. >

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 2014 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 Judy Bauman, Monarch Award Chair at jbauman@lisle202.org or 630-493-8096(W) or 630-355-4120(H).

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