

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	Daywalt, Drew	<u>The Day the Crayons Quit.</u>

2016 Nominees

Bean, Jonathan	<u>Building Our House.</u>
Biedrzycki, David	<u>Breaking News: Bear Alert.</u>
Brown, Monica	Marisol McDonald and the Clash Bash.
Bruel, Nick	<u>Bad Kitty School Daze.</u>
Bryant, Jen	<u>A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin.</u>
Cleary, Brian P.	<u>If It Rains Pancakes: Haiku and Lantern Poems.</u>
Coy, John	<u>Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball.</u>
Cunnane, Kelly	<u>Deep in the Sahara.</u>
Dempsey, Kristy	<u>A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina?s Dream.</u>
Ehlert, Lois	<u>The Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life.</u>
Hale, Christy	<u>Dreaming Up: A Celebration of Building.</u>
Harris, Marie	The Girl Who Heard Colors.
Mader, C. Roger	<u>Lost Cat.</u>
Morris, Richard T.	<u>This Is a Moose.</u>
Nelson, Kadir	<u>Nelson Mandela.</u>
Pizzoli, Greg	<u>The Watermelon Seed.</u>
Rabinowitz, Alan	<u>A Boy and a Jaguar.</u>
Snicket, Lemony J	<u>The Dark.</u>
Stewart, Melissa	Feathers: Not Just for Flying.
Vande Velde, Vivian	<u>8 Class Pets + 1 Squirrel ÷ 1 Dog = Chaos.</u>

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