

2027 Mock Youth Media Awards Shortlists

Information on the APAAL award is on this website.
More information is available on other awards at: YMA website.
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Friday, January 15, 2027

Northeast Kansas Library System, 4317 W. 6th Street, Lawrence

Schedule:

Attend all or part of the day, you are welcome any time!
9:30am – 10am coffee & browse books & chat
10am – 12:30pm picture book discussion
12:30 – 1:30pm lunch
1:30 – 3:30pm chapter book discussion

Will you attend?
Please register: https://bit.ly/NEKLS2027YMAs

PICTURE BOOKS (morning discussion)

A. Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature (picture books category): "honors individual works of Asian/Pacific American experiences and/or cultures by Asian/Pacific Islander American authors and illustrators"

Our Listmakers: Sara and Robin, Leavenworth

1. *Ama's Purse* by Charlotte Cheng, illus. Xindi Yan
2. *A Home on the Page* by Kao Kalia Yang, illus. Seo Kim
3. *Navigating Night* by Julie Leung, illus. Angie Kang
4. *Baba Palooza* by A.D. Ghani, illus. Nadia Alam
5. *Unbreakable* by Minoru Tonai and Jolene Gutiérrez, illus. Chris Sasaki



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B. Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration: "African American authors and illustrators (who) demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values"

Our Listmakers: Debbie and Deanna, TSCPL

1. *The Dream Builder's Blueprint* by Alice Faye Duncan, illus. by E.B. Lewis
2. *That You Are Here Is No Small Thing* by Traci N. Todd. illus. Vashti Harrison
3. *Blues Boy* by Alice Faye Duncan, illus. Carl Joe Williams
4. *We Are Joy* by Chrystal D. Giles, illus. Kitt Thomas
5. *Seven Million Steps* by Derrick Barnes and Christian Gregory, illus. Frank Morrison

C. Pura Belpré Award for Illustration: "Latino/Latina writer and illustrator (who) celebrates the Latino cultural experience"

Our Listmakers: Hannah and Rachel, Manhattan

1. *Little Awá* by/illus. Mrinali Álvarez Astacio
2. *A Light for Lucinda* by/illus. Olga M. Herrera
3. *Luisa, at Your Service!* by Sara Amini, illus. Juana Medina
4. *El Saguaro* by Laekan Zea Kemp, illus. Gaby D'Alessandro
5. *My Papi's Hands* by Melissa Seron Richardson, illus. Edel Rodriguez

D. Randolph Caldecott Medal: "the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children"

Our Listmakers: Corey, Manhattan and Hannah, Lawrence

1. *Night Ride* by/illus. Christopher Myers
2. *102* by/illus. Matthew Cordell
3. *The Sweetest of Lemons* by Daniel Nayeri, illus.Rahele Jomepour Bell



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4. *While We're Here* by Anne Wynter, illus.Micha Archer
5. *Navigating Night* by Julie Leung, illus. Angie Kang

(*) Bonus book,highly recommended but will not be discussed: *Fourteen Ways of Looking at Jellyfish* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illus. Bagram Ibatoulline

CHAPTER BOOKS (afternoon discussion)

E. John Newbery Medal: "the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children"

Our Listmakers: Lauren, Lawrence and Dawn, TSCPL

1. *The Moon Without Stars* by Chanel Miller
2. *The Lion's Run* by Sara Pennypacker
3. *Diamond Fever!* By Steve Sheinkin
4. *This Is Not a Door* by Daniel Nayeri
5. *You Are Now Old Enough to Hear This* by Aaron Starmer

(*) Bonus book, highly recommended but will not be discussed: *When Tomorrow Burns* by Tae Keller

F. Michael L. Printz Award: "an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature"

Our Listmakers: Margo, Lawrence and Maegan, TSCPL

1. *Shorelines* by Ruth Ennis
2. *When the World Was Happy* by Benjamin Alire Sáenz
3. *Stealing Saint Nick* by M.T. Anderson
4. *Children of Owl* by Darcie Little Badger
5. *One Word, Six Letters* by Adib Khorram



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G. Stonewall Book Award (middle grade): award is given annually to "English-language works of exceptional merit for children or teens relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience."

Our Listmakers: Sam, Manhattan and Margo, Lawrence

1. *Saber-Tooth* by Robin Gow
2. *Finding My Spark* by Isabelle Jameson
3. *Checked Out* by Tony Correia
4. *When You're Brave Enough* by Rebecca Bendheim
5. *Opting Out* by Maia Kobabe and Lucky Srikumar

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