



You're invited!

What: A Mock Youth Media Award Discussion

When: Friday, January 17, 2025; 1-4pm

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

Why: To discuss great books for youth, have fun, and learn with colleagues!

This event is hosted by NEKLS, Lawrence Public Library and Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library.

What is a Mock Award?

Every year, ALA selection committees read and meet to discuss the best books of the year in order to make awards in multiple categories. Mock Awards are our opportunity to try our hand at the book selection and evaluation process and see how our choices line up with the awards committees.

Do you have an uncanny knack for predicting winners? Do your favorites get passed over every year? Now is your chance to participate and make sure your picks get the recognition they deserve!

How does it work?

The Youth Media Mock Awards Team is currently hard at work selecting books and creating a short list for each of the awards. These short lists will be made available by December 10 for everyone to read and evaluate. Once we've all had time to read over the selections, we will meet to discuss the books and vote on the winners.

This year's discussion will include these categories:

- Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature (Picture Books category)
- Coretta Scott King Award for Illustration
- John Newbery Medal
- Michael L. Printz Award
- Pura Belpré Award for Illustration
- Randolph Caldecott Medal

Information on the APAAL award is on [this website](#).

For more information on the other awards, visit this [YMA website](#).

Ready to get started?

Here's a brief rundown of your steps and deadlines:

Step 1 (beginning Dec. 10): Register for the event (link will be provided with the announcement of the shortlists). Read/review the books on the short lists. Don't feel like you have to cover them all! Shortlists will be available by December 10.

Step 2: Attend the event on January 17, 1-4pm at the NEKLS office in Lawrence. Discuss books, have fun, and learn with colleagues!

Questions?

Contact Anna Foote, Northeast Kansas Library System, anna@nekls.org.