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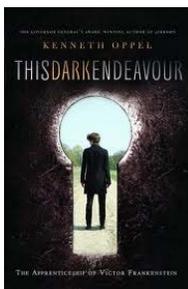
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## Welcome!

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The snow started falling throughout Idaho and the foothills around Boise are finally sporting a beautiful blanket of white. The Read to Me team is up to their ears developing exciting projects and preparing for the upcoming Spring Read to Me meeting in Boise on March 5-6. We hope to see many of you there this year!

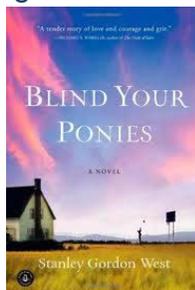
### Top Picks of 2011



We heard from four librarians after our last issue came out. They recommend adding these books to your “must read” stack.

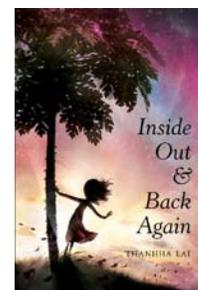
“Far and away my favorite new book in 2011 was *This Dark Endeavor: The Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein*, by Kenneth Oppel. A secret library, dueling twins, alchemy, an unexpected villain, midnight adventures... This chilling swirl of gothic details, richly described in Oppel's typical smooth and vivid writing, tells the story of Victor Frankenstein at sixteen, and lays the groundwork for the macabre doctor became. Terrifically compelling!” Gregory Taylor, Teacher-Librarian at **Hillside Junior High** in Boise, said.

Michelle Knapp, librarian at **Clearwater Memorial Public Library** in Orofino, said her top read for 2011 was *Night Road*, by Kristin Hannah. “If you have not read any of her books please do!” Michelle said. “They are ALL great reads. Make sure you have a tissue handy.”



**Grace Library** Director Linda Rasmussen says if you haven't read *Blind Your Ponies*, by Stanley Gordon West you are missing a fun read. “I bought my boys each a copy for their Christmas book this year and they have enjoyed it also. It is set in a small town in Montana about a struggling basketball team, kind of a Hoosiers feel good story.”

Monika Pomper, Children's Services Director at **Ada Community Library's Victory Branch**, said her favorite book of 2011 was Thanhha Lai's *Inside Out & Back Again*. “It was beautifully written, personal, funny, sad, hopeful and thoughtful. It's a gem.”



Thanks for those great suggestions. Now *The Scoop* editors have four more “must-read” books on reserve! We sure hope we have some time in February to read them.



## Dates and Deadlines

- **January 13 – February 26:** Register for the **RTM Annual Meeting**, March 5-6, 2012, in Boise
- **February 29, 2012:** Deadline to submit PSA's for “**CSLP Teen Video Challenge**”
- **March 21, 2012:** Deadline to apply for **Bright Futures Outreach Opportunities**
- You can apply **anytime** for **Idaho Child Care Reads** and the **Jump Start Kindergarten** programs.



## Library to Library



### Bugs Captured at the Library

Biologist and Entomologist Richard Whitten was the guest presenter at Clearwater Memorial Public Library's December after-school program, the Book Look. Whitten explained to a group of children ages 6-10 how to put together their very own insect collections. To aid him in his presentation, Whitten brought a collection of local bugs that kids in our area would be able to find for their collections.

Whitten shared three different methods of capturing bugs. He explained how to use a net to capture flying insects. For ground bugs, he told the kids to



bury a jar and partially cover the opening with a rock. He explained that bugs would fall into the jar and be available for collection. Whitten suggested that moths and beetles could be collected by stretching a white sheet in an open area and highlighting it with a light. Bugs will be drawn to the site and the kids can simply pick them off of the sheet.

Whitten also explained how to capture and mount the insects and encouraged the kids to further develop their collections by becoming pen pals with other kids. He said that with pen pals they could actually collect insects from around the world.

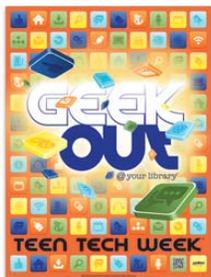


## Young Adult Corner

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### Teen Tech Week



Are you hosting a Teen Tech Week this year? If so, **please register** your event with us so we can collect valuable data on teen programming and participation. For completing a very short registration form and an even shorter follow up form, we will send you at least one ALA Teen Tech Week poster (more if we have them!) **AND** you will be entered into drawings for other great resources such as hardcover YA books, branded flash drives, and more.

We also encourage you to register your event at the national ALA site so we can show everyone the innovative programs being offered to teens across Idaho.



### ALSC/YALSA video contest

Is your New Year's resolution to make a name for yourself in the library world? Enter the ALSC/YALSA video contest!

The 2012 Presidents' Program at ALA in Anaheim will be a joint affair between ALSC and YALSA! We will be talking about tweens and young teens and exploring their use of technology. What is the life of a tween or young teen like in this digital age? What are the particular challenges and opportunities they face online? What should libraries be doing?

More importantly, what are YOU doing? How are you handling the digital lives of tweens and young teens at your library? **We are calling for video submissions from librarians on the front line.**

- Videos should be 2-3 minutes in length and created by librarians for librarians. Show and tell us about an experience or project dealing with tweens and young teens and technology at your library. What worked? What didn't? What did you learn?
- Post it on YouTube with the tag "youthprezprogram12".
- Email co-chairs Tessa Michaelson Schmidt and Sarah Couri at [tweenlibraryvideos@gmail.com](mailto:tweenlibraryvideos@gmail.com) with the YouTube link and your contact information.
- Deadline for submissions: Monday, April 30th at midnight.

**All video entrants will be eligible to win a \$100 Amazon gift card.** Selected videos will be shown at the 2012 ALSC and YALSA Joint Presidents' Program in Anaheim! Speak up and speak out; how are you working with technologically active tweens and young teens?



### **Announcing the YALSA Academy: Learn Online via Video**

Free, quick and practical CE for front line librarians and library workers developed by front line librarians and library workers. Beginning in mid-January, tune in to YALSA's YouTube channel at <http://bit.ly/upUfk4> for this great free resource. Individuals interested in developing videos for YALSA can contact YALSA's Program Officer for Continuing Education, Eve Gaus, at [egaus@ala.org](mailto:egaus@ala.org) or 800.545.2433 x5293 for information.



### **CSLP Teen Video Challenge**

Are your kids ready to roll out their video cams? Then be sure to tell them about the Collaborative Summer Library Program's (CSLP) "2012 Teen Video Challenge", a national video competition that encourages kids to get involved with their public library's summer reading program. See *new announcement regarding music by Moby in Summer Reading*.



On January 30th, all of YALSA's 2012 recommended reading lists will be posted online at [www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists](http://www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists)



### **Next Youth Consultant Webinar: Keeping Up with Trends in YA**

Please mark your calendars for Wed. Feb. 8th from 1:00 to 2:00pm, eastern, for this free 60 minute webinar just for state library agency youth consultants. You can access the webinar via this link: [http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/ya\\_first\\_quarter/](http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/ya_first_quarter/). If you missed the Dec. webinar on Funds from YALSA and Beyond, you can access the archived version at

- Slides: <http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/novwebinar/>
- Recording: <http://connectpro87048468.adobeconnect.com/p9he4e159re/>



### **Teen Tech Week poster from Teen Librarian's Toolbox**

Showcases YA books that deal with all kinds of tech. You can view and download it at [www.box.com/s/duxk17uo59eveyip5ut1](http://www.box.com/s/duxk17uo59eveyip5ut1).



## **School Zone**

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### **Sign a petition to support school libraries – From Yalsa-bk listserv**

Dear Colleagues,

Carl Harvey, 2011-2012 AASL President, has initiated a White House petition on school libraries, which specifically petitions the Obama administration to “ensure that every child in America has access to an effective school library program.” 25,000 signatures are required in order for this petition to be viewed by White House staff, no later than February 4, 2012.

Please take a few seconds to sign this petition, spread the word to your member groups, ask your colleagues, library supporters, friends and family to sign on, and spread the word via Facebook, Twitter and other channels! The url is: <http://wh.gov/Wgd>

A few things of note:

- We've heard that the petition software is temperamental. If you cannot sign in on your first attempt, please log out and log back in. Or, try a different web browser, or as a last resort, try a different computer.

- This petition should not be confused with a petition begun in 2011, which had different wording and did not garner enough signatures.
  - White House petitions must be authored by individuals, not any association. Therefore, Carl has introduced this petition as an individual, not as a representative of AASL or ALA.
- Marci Merola, Director, Office for Library Advocacy, American Library Association  
[mmerola@ala.org](mailto:mmerola@ala.org); Visit [www.ilovelibraries.org](http://www.ilovelibraries.org)



### Would you like your school to win up to \$10,000?

Then check out the Science Teachers Association's [ExploraVision Awards Program](#), which encourages kids to use their imaginations and scientific tools to create and explore the technology of the future. Teachers can win a Toshiba tablet, and the school that submits the most projects is eligible to win a bonus classroom prize package. The ExploraVision Awards Program is open to students in grades K-12. But you'd better get a move on—the deadline is February 1, 2012.



The annual **Doodle 4 Google** contest is now open. Between now and March 23, 2012, students in grades K-12 can enter the contest to have their art featured on Google's homepage. Parents, teachers, or afterschool programs may submit doodles on behalf of their child or student, as long as they are accompanied by a completed and signed entry form. Google does not have a cap on number of submissions from one school, family, or after school program, but they require that only one doodle is submitted per child. Encourage your students to make library themed Doodles. They could win money for college. Details are here: [www.google.com/doodle4google/](http://www.google.com/doodle4google/).



## Upcoming Events

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February – **Black History Month** - We owe the celebration of Black History Month, and more importantly, the study of black history, to Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Woodson chose the second week of February for “Negro History Week” because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced the black American population... [for more...](#)



**International Friendship Month** is also celebrated in February. Find some great ideas for crafts, games and other activities to observe International Friendship Month, at: <http://familycrafts.about.com/library/spdays/blfebmon3.htm>



February 1-7 – **Children's Authors and Illustrators Week**. During this annual event, authors and illustrators from Children's Authors Network (CAN!) visit schools, libraries, and children's shelters and do other things to inspire a life-long love of reading. See [www.childrensauthorsnetwork.com/caiw.htm](http://www.childrensauthorsnetwork.com/caiw.htm) for more.



February 15 - **President's Day** - Washington's Birthday is the official name designated to what many of us know as President's Day. During the month of February the birthday of two of our greatest President's takes place: George Washington who was born on February 22 and Abraham Lincoln born on February 12.



### **Freedom of Information Day - March 16, 2012**

Freedom of Information (FOI) Day is an annual event on or near March 16, the birthday of James Madison, who is widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and as the foremost advocate for openness in government. Each year, the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award are presented by the American Library Association Washington (DC) Office on Freedom of Information Day to recognize those individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted **public access to government information** and the **public's right to know**. Contact Jacob Roberts, Communications Specialist of the ALA Washington Office, with questions.



## **Tips & Tools**

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### **Consider Participating in the Summer Food Service Program**

*Join the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to learn more about how you can help feed children during summer and hear the benefits to being a part of the Summer Food Service Program! **Jerome Public Library** participated in this program and it's been a good experience for them.*

USDA 2012 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) Introductory Webinars are offered:

- Thursday, 2/2, 11 a.m. – noon EST
- Thursday, 2/23, 3 – 4 p.m. EST

**Registration Link:** <http://vovici.com/wsb.dll/s/17fb9g4d8da>

These webinar sessions are designed to provide a high level overview of the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Every introductory webinar session will cover the same content. Following the overview of the SFSP, the session will cover resources and tools available to help get started with the SFSP, successful outreach practices and tips, next steps and how to get involved. Then the session will open for questions and answers with USDA FNS staff. If you have any questions, please contact: Emily Buckham Buday at [Emily.buday@fns.usd](mailto:Emily.buday@fns.usd)



### **Final Deadline for Free Books For Read Across America Day**

The final deadline for Free Books for Read Across America Day is February 18th, 2012.

The Literacy Empowerment Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, invites your school or other literacy project to apply for FREE books for Read Across America Day. During the past year, LEF has distributed over 3,000,000 books to schools all across the country for Read Across America Day and other literacy projects.

Resources are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Orders must be received by February 18th, 2012. Order Form is at [www.lefbooks.org](http://www.lefbooks.org)



## Summer Reading News

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### **Check the website before applying for Bright Futures Outreach Opportunities**

If more than one person from your library will be applying for an outreach program, or if your library shares boundaries with another library serving the same schools, please check the current list of applicants on our [summer reading website](#) before you apply. The link to the chart is under Bright Futures. This list is updated every few days.

Please check with other library staff before applying to determine who will apply for which programs and which schools.

Deadline to apply for **School Visits, Reaching Underserved Children, and School Partnerships** is **March 21, 2012**. Application information can be accessed on our summer reading website (link above).

\*\*\*\*\*If you apply for a Bright Futures program through Survey Monkey, you will receive confirmation that we received your application within a day or so. If you **do not** receive an email confirmation please call us immediately. Confirmations will be sent by ICfL staff person Karen Parsons.



### **Fred Meyer Books for Summer Readers**

For the past few years we have applied for and received grant funds through the Fred Meyer Foundation and Corporate Stores to provide paperbacks to libraries for summer reading prizes. We applied again this year, and hope to be notified by spring. As soon as we know whether our application was accepted, we will send out a notice on LibIdaho. Libraries that submitted their End-of-Program Summer Reading Report are automatically eligible to receive these books. There will be no application process on the libraries' part.



### **Announcements from CSLP**

**Teen Video Challenge:** CSLP is pleased to announce that a new audio resource has been added to the CSLP 2012 Teen Video Challenge [Resources](#) page.  
[www.cslpreads.org/resources.html](http://www.cslpreads.org/resources.html)

The musician [Moby](#) generously made some of his instrumental music available to film makers developing educational videos.

[mobygratis.com](#): An archive of "film music" is available for independent, student or non-profit film production from the alternative rock/electronic music maestro Moby.



### **SRP Resources**

Librarians on the ALSC listserv are sharing children's program ideas. Here are a few:  
[From the Dream Big! CSLP Program Manual:](#)

Dreams and Wishes - cultural traditions surrounding dreams, hopes for the future  
Night Night - the gentler side of night time, including lullabies, bedtime, and the Sandman  
Night Owls - nocturnal animals and insects, night time jobs and careers  
Night Adventures - stargazing and space exploration  
Night Shivers - camping and sleepovers, thunderstorms, scary stories and folklore

From Rhonda K. Puntney Gould, Lakeshores Library System:

The artwork for 2012 was created by Brian Lies, who is well known for his picture books featuring bats. The Dream Big artwork features a variety of animals exploring, camping, reading, and in careers we all aspire to as children (a ballerina, football player, the president). Here in southeastern Wisconsin, we have worked with staff at Milwaukee Public Museum's planetarium on a workshop and incentives, hired performers who specialize in the sciences and animals (kids seem to have a love/hate relationship with bats), and hope to utilize the two observatories (one of which is the University of Chicago's Yerkes Observatory) and campgrounds located in our service area. I've also purchased an indoor/outdoor inflatable movie screen for my system member libraries to use for movie night programming.

From Keela N. Pfaff, Ruth Enlow Library of Garrett County:

Campout at the library  
Ghost stories  
Native American, etc. folktales about moon, etc.  
Astronaut  
Nocturnal animals-owls, bats, etc.  
Astronomy-Stars/constellations  
Astronomy-Moon  
Dreams  
Orienteering by the stars-ships' navigation  
Hunting for fishing worms after dark in the rain (very popular childhood activity around here)  
Lightning bugs

## Meet Audra Green



Audra Green has worked in libraries as a paraprofessional off and on for the past six years. When she left Idaho for graduate school, she was sure she would never get the chance to come back. But here she is, with her MILS degree and working at the Library! @ Collister. She is so thankful to have the opportunity to work in this great state once again.

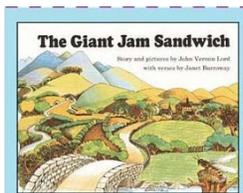
Audra shares some information on her library saying, “We are a branch library located on State Street in Boise serving the Collister neighborhood which borders Garden City. We are located next to various assisted living facilities and also have various refugee populations in this area. We work with the Hillside Junior High Language Academy, Riverside Junior High, local elementary schools, and the Marian Pritchett School for Pregnant and Parenting Women. We offer adult computer classes and programs in addition to regular storytimes and school-age programming such as Mad Scientist and Art Mania.”

Audra participates in many different projects at the library including preschool and toddler storytimes, outreach to Junior Highs, outreach to the Juvenile Detention Center, Every Child Ready to Read at Marian Pritchett School, school-age programs, Technology Coach programs, revamping the Teen Space into a Media Center....and pretty much anything else that comes up.



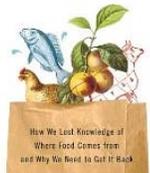
She became involved and interested in library service in general because she enjoys how every twenty minutes brings something new and that she is constantly learning from patrons. She became more involved in youth and teens because she is passionate about early literacy and feels comfortable working with these age groups. She also shares that youth and teens are great to work with because “they have so much fun.”

Audra shares that her biggest challenge is “balancing public service and being present for the patron right in front of me, while thinking about future programs and the to-do list on my desk.” I had to prompt her to share her biggest success with me. Her answer...Hitchhiking to the Arctic Ocean....Yes, you heard that right. She really did that! (She asked me not to tell her Mom!) She also added that another success was... “finally figuring out that all my crazy adventures, experiences and fun I have had over the years actually translated into a career. So I went to library school and now someone pays me to do what I am good at and I have a blast along the way.”



As a child her first real memories of literacy are reading the entire Nancy Drew series (originally her mother's) and all of her mother's Stephen King novels. “She made me read them in order of publication,” shares Audra. “Apparently my favorite book as a child was *The Giant Jam Sandwich*, by John Vernon Lord, as my parents can still recite it” she continues.

## KITCHEN LITERACY



How We Lost Knowledge of Where Food Comes From and Why We Need to Get It Back

ANN VILEISIS

Audra is diligently working her way through all of the Young Reader's Choice nominees, as well as *Kitchen Literacy*, by Ann Vileisis (she loves food non-fiction) and *Marzi*, a graphic novel by Marzena Sowa.

When asked to tell us her favorite flavor of ice cream she hesitated. Not because she had to think about which of the wonderful flavors was her favorite, but because she was trying to figure out how to tell us -- are you ready for this – SHE DOESN'T ACTUALLY LIKE ICE CREAM!! She finished by stating "Ask my friends, I am serious." Oh well, I bet she loves chocolate...?



When not working at the library, Audra loves cooking and adventure. She hikes, explores, tries new recipes, loves to preserve things, enjoys traveling to places, and reading about traveling to places she has yet to go. She likes to be outside, loves the wilderness (see picture at right!), and enjoys being near water. Idaho is so lucky to have you Audra, welcome back!



## CE News You Can Use



### Booklist is presenting a free webinar "What's New in YA: 2012"

Get a preview of what 2012 holds in store for teen readers during this free, hour-long webinar on Tuesday, February 7 at noon MST or 11 a.m. Pacific. Representatives from Egmont USA, Macmillan Children's Publishing Group, Sourcebooks, and Disney Book Group will share their leading titles for spring and beyond. *Booklist* Books for Youth Associate Editor Ann Kelley moderates. Register at [www.booklistonline.com/webinars](http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars).



### Credible Connections

What are the burning issues in your community? Economic Development? Jobs? Education? The Idaho Commission for Libraries through its online@yourlibrary grant project and in collaboration with the Idaho Department of Labor and Adult Basic Education (PTE) will be hosting a two-hour session in a community near you to allow you to connect with individuals who have resources to address those burning issues. Join in the conversation and get connected with the resources that will make a difference for your library, your community.

This event is open to all library staff – bring local leaders who are trying to connect with resources to enhance the development of your community with you. This is a great opportunity to learn, connect, and develop your first action step.

Door Prize Drawings for iPod Nano or USB WiFi Card – Tools you can use to create a community-enhancing quality of life through education, economics and workforce development.

Go to <http://libraries.idaho.gov/credibleconnections> for more information on locations, dates and registration. Space will be limited so register early.

## News Beyond Idaho

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*The Hunger Games* Launches Full Capitol Couture Site  
Source: [Capitol Couture](#)  
January 23, 2012

Last week, the viral tie-in for [The Hunger Games](#) teased the website [CapitolCouture.pn](#).

Today, the site has opened in full and offers fashion tips from the world of Panem, including a profile article on Effie Trinket (as played by Elizabeth Banks).

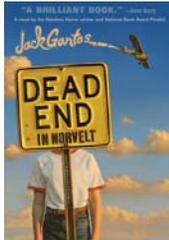


## Book Look

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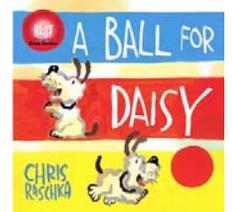
The American Library Association (ALA) today announced the top books, video and audiobooks for children and young adults at its Midwinter Meeting in Dallas. A list of all the 2012 award winners follows:

**John Newbery Medal** for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature: *Dead End in Norvelt*, by Jack Gantos



Newbery Honor Books: *Inside Out & Back Again*, by Thanhha Lai and *Breaking Stalin's Nose*, by Eugene Yelchin.

**Randolph Caldecott Medal** for the most distinguished American picture book for children: *A Ball for Daisy*, by Chris Raschka.



Three Caldecott Honor Books also were named: *Blackout*, by John Rocco; *Grandpa Green*, by Lane Smith; and *Me . . . Jane*, by Patrick McDonnell.

**Michael L. Printz Award** for excellence in literature written for young adults:



*Where Things Come Back*, by John Corey Whaley.

Printz Honor Books: *Why We Broke Up*, by Daniel Handler, *The Returning*, by Christine Hinwood; *Jasper Jones*, by Craig Silvey; and *The Scorpio Races*, by Maggie Stiefvater

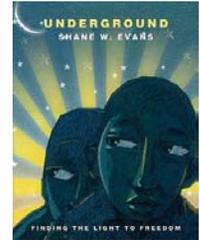
**Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award** recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

Kadir Nelson, author and illustrator of *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*.

Two King Author Honor Book recipients were selected: Eloise Greenfield, author of *The Great Migration: Journey to the North*, and Patricia C. McKissack, author of *Never Forgotten*.

**Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Book Award:**

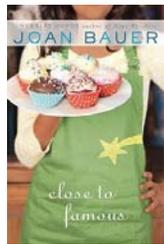
Shane W. Evans, illustrator and author of *Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom*, is the King Illustrator Book winner.



One King Illustrator Honor Book recipient was selected: Kadir Nelson, illustrator and author of *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans*.

**Schneider Family Book Award** for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience:

The Jury chose not to award a book in the category for children ages 0 – 8 because no submissions were deemed worthy of the award.

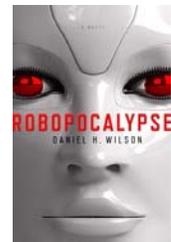


Two books were selected for the middle school award (ages 9 – 13): *Close to Famous*, by Joan Bauer; and “*Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures*,” by Brian Selznick.

The teen (ages 14-18) award winner is *The Running Dream*, by Wendelin Van Draanen.

**Alex Awards** for the 10 best adult books that appeal to teen audiences:

- *Big Girl Small*, by Rachel DeWoskin
- *In Zanesville*, by Jo Ann Beard
- *The Lover’s Dictionary*, by David Levithan
- *The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens*, by Brooke Hauser
- *The Night Circus*, by Erin Morgenstern
- *Ready Player One*, by Ernest Cline
- *Robopocalypse: A Novel*, by Daniel H. Wilson
- *Salvage the Bones*, by Jesmyn Ward
- *The Scrapbook of Frankie Pratt: A Novel in Pictures*, by Caroline Preston
- *The Talk-Funny Girl*, by Roland Merullo



**Andrew Carnegie Medal** for excellence in children's video:

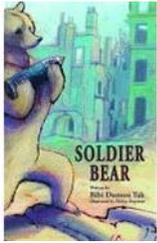
Paul R. Gagne and Melissa Reilly Ellard of Weston Woods Studios, Inc., producers of “Children Make Terrible Pets,” are the Carnegie Medal winners.

The video is based on the book written by Peter Brown, and is narrated by Emily Eiden, with music by Jack Sundrud and Rusty Young, and animation by Soup2Nuts.

**Margaret A. Edwards Award** for lifetime achievement in writing for young adults:

Susan Cooper is the 2012 Edwards Award winner. Her books include: *The Dark Is Rising Sequence: Over Sea, Under Stone; The Dark Is Rising; Greenwitch; The Grey King; and Silver on the Tree*.

**Mildred L. Batchelder Award** for an outstanding children's book translated from a foreign language and subsequently published in the United States:



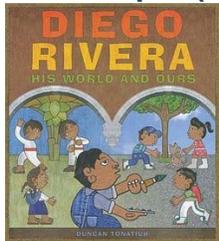
*Soldier Bear* is the 2012 Batchelder Award winner. Originally published in Dutch in 2008 as *Soldaat Wojtek*, by Bibi Dumon Tak, illustrated by Philip Hopman, translated by Laura Watkinson.

One Batchelder Honor Book also was selected: *The Lily Pond*, by Annika Thor, and translated by Linda Schenck.

**Odyssey Award** for best audiobook produced for children and/or young adults, available in English in the United States: *Rotters*, by Daniel Kraus and narrated by Kirby Heyborne.

Four Odyssey Honor audiobooks also were selected: *Ghetto Cowboy*, by G. Neri and narrated by JD Jackson; *Okay for Now*, by Gary D. Schmidt and narrated by Lincoln Hoppe; *The Scorpio Races*, by Maggie Stiefvater and narrated by Steve West and Fiona Hardingham; and *Young Fredle*, by Cynthia Voigt and narrated by Wendy Carter.

**Pura Belpré (Illustrator) Award** honoring a Latino writer and illustrator whose children's



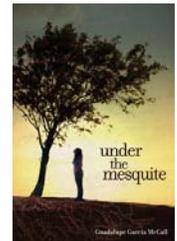
books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience: *Diego Rivera: His World and Ours*, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh.

Two Belpré Illustrator Honor Books were selected: *The Cazuela that the Farm Maiden Stirred*, illustrated by Rafael López, written by Samantha R. Vamos; and *Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match / Marisol McDonald no combina*, illustrated by Sara Palacios, written by Monica Brown.

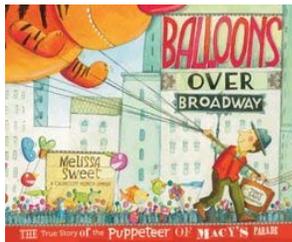
**Pura Belpré (Author) Award:**

*Under the Mesquite*, written by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Two Belpré Author Honor Books were named: *Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck*, by Margarita Engle; and *Maximilian and the Mystery of the Guardian Angel: A Bilingual Lucha Libre Thriller*, written by Xavier Garza.



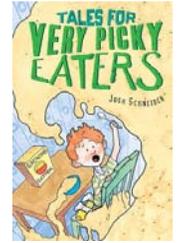
**Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award** for most distinguished informational book for children: *Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade*, by Melissa Sweet.



Four Sibert Honor Book were named: *Black & White: The Confrontation between Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Eugene 'Bull' Connor*, by Larry Dane Brimner; *Drawing from Memory*, written and illustrated by Allen Say; *The Elephant Scientist*, by Caitlin O'Connell and Donna M. Jackson; and *Witches!: The Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem*, by Rosalyn Schanzer.

**Stonewall Book Award** - Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's & Young Adult Literature Award given annually to English-language children's and young adult books of exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender experience: *Putting Makeup on the Fat Boy*, by Bil Wright.

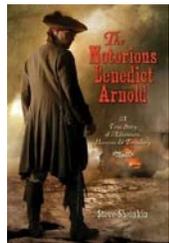
**Theodor Seuss Geisel Award** for the most distinguished beginning reader book: *Tales for Very Picky Eaters*, by Josh Schneider.



Three Geisel Honor Books were named: *I Broke My Trunk*, written and illustrated by Mo Willems; *I Want My Hat Back*, by Jon Klassen, and *See Me Run*, by Paul Meisel.

**William C. Morris Award** for a debut book published by a first-time author writing for teens: *Where Things Come Back*, written by John Corey Whaley. Four other books were finalists for the award: *Girl of Fire and Thorns*, by Rae Carson; *Paper Covers Rock*, by Jenny Hubbard; *Under the Mesquite*, by Guadalupe Garcia McCall; and *Between Shades of Gray*, by Ruta Sepetys.

**YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults:**



*The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery*, by Steve Sheinkin.

Four other books were finalists for the award: *Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science*, by Marc Aronson and Marina Budhos; *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition*, by Karen Blumenthal; *Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)*, by Sue Macy; and *Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein*, by Susan Goldman Rubin.

To see all of the winners, visit ALA's website [here](#).



## Author Birthdays

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February 1 – **Jerry Spinelli** (born in 1941). Is the author of more than a dozen books for young readers, including *Maniac Magee*, *Wringer*, *Crash*, *Knots in My Yo-Yo String*, and more. He grew up in Norristown, Pennsylvania, where he once dreamed of becoming a major league baseball player. For more see [www.randomhouse.com/features/jerryspinelli/about.html](http://www.randomhouse.com/features/jerryspinelli/about.html)

February 2 – **Judith Viorst** (born in 1931). Is an American author, newspaper journalist, and psychoanalysis researcher. She is perhaps best known for her children's literature, such as *The Tenth Good Thing About Barney* and the *Alexander* series of short books. Find out more about Viorst at [www.kennedy-center.org/programs/family/alexander/author.html](http://www.kennedy-center.org/programs/family/alexander/author.html)

February 3 – **Walt Morey** (1907-1992). An award-winning author of numerous works of children's fiction, mostly set in the U.S. Pacific Northwest and Alaska. Some of his works include: *Deep Trouble*, *Gentle Ben*, *Gloomy Gus*, and many more. See <http://oregonmag.com/morey.htm>.

February 3 – **Joan Lowery Nixon** (1927-2003). She was an American journalist and author, specializing in historical fiction and mysteries for children and young adults. She is the author

of more than 100 books including the Orphan Train Adventures and the Ellis Island series...  
Read more at [www.teenreads.com/authors/au-nixon-joan-lowery.asp](http://www.teenreads.com/authors/au-nixon-joan-lowery.asp)

February 4 – **Russell Hoban** (born in 1925). Is an American writer of fantasy, science fiction, mainstream fiction, magic realism, poetry, and children's books who lives in England. Check out this site for more [www.yourlibrary.ws/childrens\\_webpage/e-author22001.html](http://www.yourlibrary.ws/childrens_webpage/e-author22001.html)

February 5 – **David Wiesner** (born in 1957). Is an American author and illustrator of children's books and publications. He is the author of *Tuesday* (1992), *The Three Pigs* (2002) and *Flotsam* (2007) and more. Go to [www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/wiesner/home.html](http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/authors/wiesner/home.html)

February 7 – **Laura Ingalls Wilders** (1867-1957). Is an American author whose children's books were based on her childhood in a pioneer family. Some of her works include: *Little House in the Big Woods*, *Farmer Boy*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *On the Banks of Plum Creek* and many more. See [www.lauraingallswilderhome.com/](http://www.lauraingallswilderhome.com/) for more.

February 10 – **Lucy Cousins** (born in 1964). An author-illustrator of children's books. She is best known for her books featuring *Maisy Mouse* but she has also published other children's books. See [www.maisyfunclub.com/maisyframe.asp?section=lucy](http://www.maisyfunclub.com/maisyframe.asp?section=lucy) for more.

February 10 – **E. L. (Elaine Lobl) Konigsburg** (born in 1930). She is an American author and illustrator of children's books and young adult fiction. She won the Newbery Medal for *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* and *Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley, and Me*, *Elizabeth* was named Newbery Honor Book. Almost thirty years later she won the Newbery Medal once again for *The View From Saturday*. Read more at [KidsReads.com](http://KidsReads.com).

February 11 – **Jane Yolen** – (born in 1939). Yolen is an American author and editor of almost 300 books. These include folklore, fantasy, science fiction, and children's books. Some of which include: *Owl Moon*, *The Emperor and the Kite*, *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight* and more. For more see [www.janeyolen.com/](http://www.janeyolen.com/)

February 12 – **Judy (born Judy Sussmain) Blume** (born in 1938). Blume's novels for children and young adults have exceeded sales of 80 million and been translated into 31 languages. Some of her titles include: *Iggie's House*, *Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret*, *It's Not the End of the World*, *Just As Long As We're Together*, *Blubber* and more. See [www.judyblume.com/about.php](http://www.judyblume.com/about.php) for more on Judy Blume.

February 12 – **Jacqueline Woodson** (born in 1964). Woodson's books include *Show Way*, *Locomotion*, *Miracle's Boys* and many more. [www.jacquelinewoodson.com/bio.shtml](http://www.jacquelinewoodson.com/bio.shtml)

February 14 – **Phyllis Root** (born in 1949). Phyllis Root is a published author of children's books. Some of the published credits of Phyllis Root include *Oliver Finds His Way*, *Looking for a Moose*, *One Duck Stuck Big Book: A Mucky Ducky Counting Book*, and *Aunt Nancy and the Bothersome Visitors*. Find out more and a complete listing of books by Root at [www.childrensliteraturenetwork.org/aifolder/aipages/ai\\_r/root.html](http://www.childrensliteraturenetwork.org/aifolder/aipages/ai_r/root.html)

February 14 – **Paul O. Zelinsky** (born in 1953). Paul is an American author and illustrator of children's books. He was awarded the Caldecott Medal in 1998 for his *Rapunzel*. The best-

selling movable book *The Wheels on the Bus* is his most popular work. Click [here](#) to find out more about Zelinsky.

February 17 – **Robert Newton Peck** (born in 1928). Peck is an American author of books for young adults. He has written over 60 books, some of his titles include *Soup*, *A Day No Pigs Would Die*, *Extra Innings* and many more. Go to the [Peck](#) website for more.

February 18 – **Barbara M. Joosse** (born in 1949). Is the author of many books for children, including: *The Thinking Place*, *Mama, Do You Love Me*, *I Love You the Purplest*, *Wild Willie and King Kyle*, *Ghost Trap* and more. Visit [www.barbarajoosse.com/](http://www.barbarajoosse.com/) for more.

February 23 – **Walter Wick** (born in 1953). Walker is an American artist and photographer best known for the elaborate images in the *I Spy* and *Can You See What I See?* book series from Scholastic Books. Got to [Walter Wick's](#) web page for more.

February 25 – **Cynthia Voigt** (born in 1942). Is an American author of books for young adults dealing with various topics such as adventure, mystery, racism and child abuse. Her first book in the Tillerman family series, *Homecoming*, was nominated for several international prizes and made into a 1996 film. Her novel *Dacey's Song* won the 1983 Newbery Medal. Read about Voigt and find a list of her books at [www2.scholastic.com/browse/contributor.jsp?id=3703](http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/contributor.jsp?id=3703)

February 26 – **Judith St. George** (born in 1931). St. George writes both historical fiction and non-fiction, blending elements of mystery and exciting action along with closely detailed research to come up with such award-winning titles as *Haunted*, *The Halloween Pumpkin Smasher*, *In the Shadow of the Bear*, *The Brooklyn Bridge: They Said It Couldn't Be Built*, and *The Mount Rushmore Story*. Go to [www.answers.com/topic/judith-st-george-children-s-author](http://www.answers.com/topic/judith-st-george-children-s-author) for more on St. George.



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