

Good Book Lists for Child Care Providers

Picture Books:

The **Caldecott Medal**, the most famous award for picture books, has been awarded since 1938. It is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. Whatever the subject matter of the book, fiction or nonfiction, the Caldecott winner and honor books will be beautifully illustrated.

www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal

The **Charlotte Zolotow Award** is given each year to honor outstanding writing in a picture book published in the United States during the preceding year, along with up to five honor books. This site also lists up to ten “highly commended titles.”

<http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailListBooks.asp?idBookLists=221>

The **CLEL Bell Picture Book Awards** are an annual recognition of five high-quality picture books that provide excellent support of early literacy development in young children. Sponsored by the Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL), one book for each of the five practices (sing, talk, read, write, play) is chosen each year.

www.clel.org/clelbellaawards

The **Geisel Award** is given each year to author(s) and an illustrator(s) for the most outstanding American books for beginning readers. The award is in honor of Theodore Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss.

www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward

The **Idaho Commission for Libraries School Library Access Book Lists**: updated annually, these contain lists of starred reviewed or high-quality titles for early literacy and older grades. You can access the lists under the Workshop Materials tab.

<https://libraries.idaho.gov/school-libraries/elementary-school-grants/>

Multiple Ages, Fiction and Nonfiction:

ALSC’s Notable Lists include the best titles for all types of books for children, fiction and nonfiction, picture book and chapter book, from the Association for Library Services to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA).

www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists/ncb

ALSC’s Recommended Books include categories such as the Graphic Novels Reading List for K-6, Summer Reading lists, Tween Reads, Hi-Lo titles, content/themed lists, and much more.

www.ala.org/alsc/publications-resources/book-lists

The **Children’s Choice Book Awards**, sponsored by the Children’s Book Council (CBC), is the only national book awards program where the winners are selected by kids and teens of all ages. Participating classrooms receive hot-off-the-press books, which the students read and vote on.

You can see the winners and finalists in each category for each year, as well as booklists for diversity and other various topics. There is also a great running list of “hot-off-the-press” titles.

www.cbcbooks.org/ccba/

Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC) at the School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Madison has lists of lists of books. Fiction, nonfiction, picture book, wordless books, teen books, pre-K books... it's comprehensive. This organization also awards the Charlotte Zolotow Award (see below).

<http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/detailLists.asp?idBookListCat=7>

The **Coretta Scott King Book Awards** are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. The award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood.

www.ala.org/emiart/ckskbookawards

Hennepin County Library Staff Reviews for Preschoolers (and other age groups) allows you to search by topic, such as Concept Books, and gives you a list of vetted titles. You can't check out the books, but this will help give you an idea of the types of books you should be adding to your classroom collections.

<https://www.hclib.org/browse/staff-reviews-featured-lists/preschoolers>

Houston Public Library's Next Reads for Kids (preschool - Grade 6): Lists by age level, interest level, award winners, topic-specific, updated annually.

<http://hpl.lib.tx.us/next-reads-for-kids>

The **Pura Belpre Award** is given to a Latina/Latino writer and illustrator that portray and celebrate the Latino cultural experience through literature. This award could be given for books for any age group, so it is important to make sure it is appropriate for the collection.

www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal

The **Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal** is awarded each year to the author(s) and Illustrator(s) of the most distinguished informational book published in the United States in English. The Sibert Award is an excellent source of the best non-fiction titles and authors for your collection.

www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal

Handy Tools:

NoveList at LiLL.org offers a large array of readers' advisory tools including read-alike recommendations, book discussion guides, picture book extenders, books to movies, and award and notable lists. NoveList breaks down recommendations by age and has a section on working with youth. This is a "one-stop shop." Log in with your zip code and city name.

<http://lili.org/>

TeachingBooks.net has a free author name pronunciation site. So you know that Jon Scieszka's name rhymes with "Fresca" and Riordan has a long "i" sound. As well as how to pronounce hundreds of other author names!

www.teachingbooks.net/pronunciations.cgi