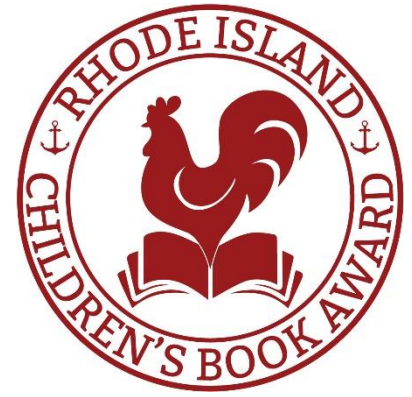


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## Let's Vote!

The time has come for your students and patrons in grades 3-5 to vote for their favorite book among the RI Children's Book Award nominees for 2023! For over 20 years the Rhode Island Children's Book Award has generated widespread enthusiasm for reading. Thank you to the many schools and libraries in Rhode Island that participate.



All voting and program evaluation will be completed online February 1 – March 13. Beginning February 1, your school or library's voting results can be entered at <https://olis-ri.libwizard.com/f/ricba2023>.

### Important voting information:

- Your school or library does not need to register to vote. Any school or library that would like to participate is encouraged to do so!
- Please complete ONE form per school or library building. If you work at multiple schools or libraries, please fill out a separate form for each building.
- This form is to collect your school or library's total voting results, not a way to collect individual children's votes.
- Distribute ballots to students/patrons who have read 3 or more of the nominated books, collect all completed ballots, and tally your school or library's results on a blank ballot. Voting materials, including the paper ballot and graphics can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/RICBAVoting23>.
- The total number of votes for each book should be entered into the form.
- If you have any difficulties or need to edit your form after it has been submitted, please contact Youth Services Coordinator, Danielle Margarida ([danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov](mailto:danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov), 401-574-9309/401-400-3006) before 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13.
- All forms must be submitted by Monday, March 13, 2023.

The Rhode Island Children's Book Award aims to encourage reading and allows children to make critical choices about their reading. While we speak of one author as the "winner," we consider all books that engage children's interest to be winners. Please let your students or patrons know your school or library's "best loved" book, and then share with them the statewide results that are announced in March.

Thank you for voting and for participating in the RI Children's Book Award program.

Danielle Margarida

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