

Teacher Connection

A resource flash from the Youth Services Department of the Lake Villa District Library



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Award Booktalks & Storytimes

As you know the **Monarch** (K-3), **Bluestem** (3-5), and **Caudill** (4-8) Award Nominees are voted on by students in Illinois between February 15-28. To vote for the Monarchs, the student has to have read or listened to 5 of the nominees. To vote for the Bluestem, the student has to have read or listened to 4 of the nominees. To vote for the Caudill, the student has to have read or listened to 3 of the nominees.

We offer 20-30 minute booktalks of the Bluestems and Caudill books to classes. We can also do Monarch or Bluestem storytimes (about 30 minutes), where one of our librarians will come to your classroom and read 1-2 of the picture books and then book talk some of the other nominees (appropriate at your grade level). If you are interested, please contact Rachel Reinwald at rreinwald@lvd.org to arrange a time.

Some of the Bluestems and Caudill books are great for Lit Circles for 3rd-8th grade. A chart with the Bluestems and Caudills and their recommended grade level (by that Award Committee) and lexile levels are attached to this newsletter. Since these books are popular this year, we have multiple copies. If you are doing a Lit Circle, please give us *at least a week* to get these titles, just in case they are not all in.

Teacher Resources for:

- [Monarch](#)
- [Bluestem](#)
- [Caudill](#)

Handouts from New Nonfiction CPDU

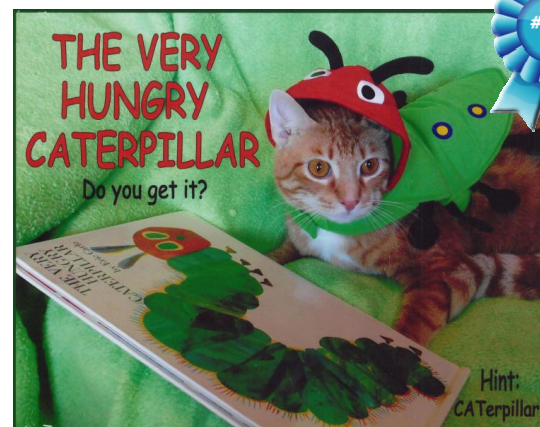
<http://www.lvd.org/sites/default/files/2013/11/compiled-bibliographies.pdf>
Click on the link for a downloadable version of our booklists from the October CPDU. The next CPDU Workshop: The Write Stuff will be held on February 20, 2014.

The Write Stuff Literary Magazine... Call for Submissions!

The Youth Services desk will be accepting submissions from kids grades 3-6 for the Write Stuff Literary Magazine from November 1 - December 31. The magazine will be published in January. Each author may submit original work up to four pages. Questions? Email Elisa Gueffier at edgueffier@lvd.org. Students can pick up an information sheet at the Youth Services desk.

The Write Stuff CPDU

The next CPDU Workshop: The Write Stuff will be held on February 20, 2014, at 4:30 pm. Elisa will take you through different writing exercises and activities that you can use in the classroom to help students practice their writing and storytelling skills.



Best of Show: Allison, age 5
Book Art Contest (more winners next page)

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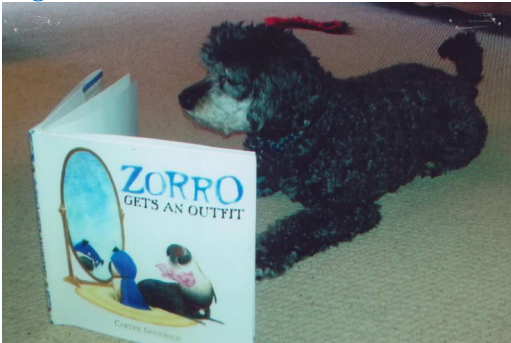
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Lake Villa District Library's **BookArt** Annual Contest for Kids

It was another great BookArt Contest! Every fall the library celebrates reading and creativity by hosting an art contest for kids—this year we invited youngsters to photograph their pets (including stuffed animals!) "enjoying" a good book. The contest is judged by a panel of local

art teachers, and they certainly had their work cut out for them this year, with more than 75 photos entered! A big thanks to our art teachers, Matt Wawiorka (Thompson/Pleviak) and Susan Noon (Prince of Peace), for volunteering to judge the context.

Ages 5-6...



1st: Nathaniel, age 5

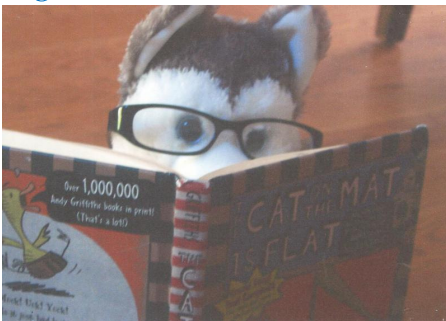


2nd: Wrenna, age 5



3rd: Iona, age 5

Ages 7-9...



1st: Jack, age 8

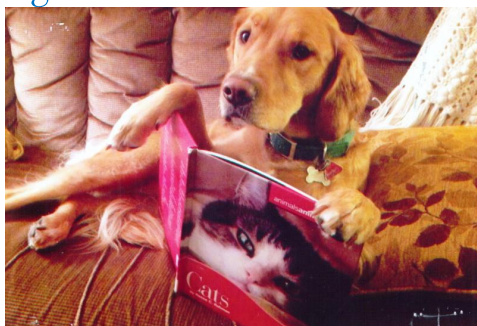


2nd: Mandy, age

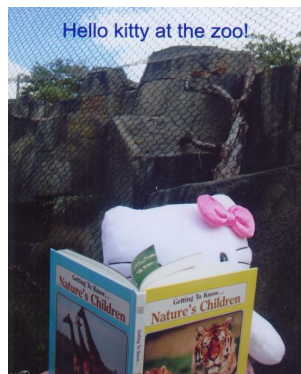


3rd: Sophie, age 9

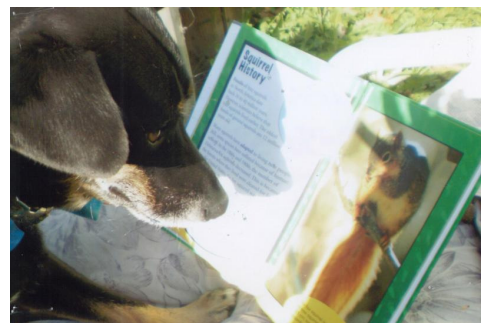
Ages 10-12...



1st: Carley, age 12



2nd: Monika, age 12



3rd: Valerie, age 11

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2014 Bluestem Nominees (3rd-5th grade)

Title	Author	Lexile
Edgar Allen's Official Crime Investigation Notebook	Amato	650
Seaglass Summer	Banerjee	590
I Feel Better with a Frog in my Throat	Beccia	NC 1110
Cheesie Mack is not a Genius of Anything	Cotler	770
Bud, Not Buddy	Curtis	950
The Lemonade War	Davies	630
Nubs: the true story of a mutt, a marine and a miracle	Dennis	AD 810
Because of Winn Dixie	DiCamillo	610
A Strong Right Arm	Green	860
Calli Be Gold	Hurwitz	700
Bones	Jenkins	AD 980
The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins	Kerley	AD 550
Number the Stars	Lowry	670
Waiting for the Magic	MacLachlan	420
Emily's Fortune	Naylor	840
Wonder (also a Caudill nominee)	Palacio	790
Clementine	Pennypacker	720
Knights of the Kitchen Table	Scieszka	630
Pie	Weeks	930
Little Wolf's Book of Badness	Whybrow	600

2014 Caudill Nominees (4th-8th grade)

Title	Author	Lexile	Grade
I, Emma Freke	Atkinson	750	5th-8th
Close to Famous	Bauer	540	4th-8th
How They Croaked	Bragg	950	6th-8th
Mockingbird	Erskine	630	4th-8th
The Outcasts	Flanagan	780	5th-8th
A Tale Dark and Grimm	Gidwitz	690	4th-8th
The Lions of Little Rock	Levine	630	5th-8th
The Apothecary	Meloy	740	6th-8th
The Hunt for the Seventh	Morton-Shaw	660	5th-8th
Ghetto Cowboy	Neri	660	4th-8th
Ways to Live Forever	Nicholls	580	6th-8th
Bamboo People	Perkins	680	6th-8th
Words in the Dust	Reedy	670	7th-8th
Okay for Now	Schmidt	850	7th-8th
Boys Without Names	Sheth	670	5th-8th
Candy Bomber	Tunnell	1130	4th-8th
The Running Dream	VanDraanen	HL 650	6th-8th
Blizzard of Glass	Walker	1100	4th-8th
Breaking Stalin's Nose	Yelchin	670	4th-8th

** Remember, grade level recommendations are just recommendations! Read on!!