

Teacher Connection

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HOW CAN MY STUDENTS VOTE?

If your school votes through our library and if you would like your class to participate in the voting for the Monarch, Bluestem or Caudill Awards, you need to follow these easy steps:

1. Choose your award. Remember that third graders may vote for the Monarch, the Bluestem, or both. And remember that fourth and fifth graders may vote for the Bluestem, the Caudill, or both.
2. Make sure your students have fulfilled the criteria for voting. Monarch voters need to have read or listened to **five** of the 20 nominees. Bluestem voters need to have read or listened to **four** of the 20 nominees. Caudill voters need to have read or listened to **three** of the 20 nominees.
3. Keep an eye out for ballots to be delivered to you via email early in February. Make a copy of the tally sheet as well as copies of the ballots for your class. Return your completed tally sheet to Rachel Reinwald through email. We'll do the rest!
4. Award winners will be announced in March. **We would love to come to your class to announce the winners.** Happy voting!

Illinois Student Choice Awards

Awards season is upon us. Our version of the red-carpet events begins mid-February with voting for the **Monarch, Bluestem, and Caudill Awards**. The three nominee lists this year offered a wide array of reading enjoyment for everyone—sci-fi and historical fiction, folktales and poetry, science and biographies. How could you go wrong?

We hope you've been enjoying many of the titles, but if you haven't had the chance yet, **it's not too late to participate!** Your students don't have to read all 20 nominees to vote:

- For the Monarch Award (K—3rd grade), five of the nominated titles
- For the Bluestem Award (3rd—5th grade), four of the nominated titles
- For the Caudill Award (4th—8th grade), three of the nominated titles

There's still time to share read-alouds with your class! We can prepare a Classroom Connection bag for you with available nominated titles for the award you are interested in. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for your students to participate in a student-only voting process as well as the chance to discuss the qualities of books and what makes them great. Contact Rachel Reinwald at rreinwald@lvd.org for further details.

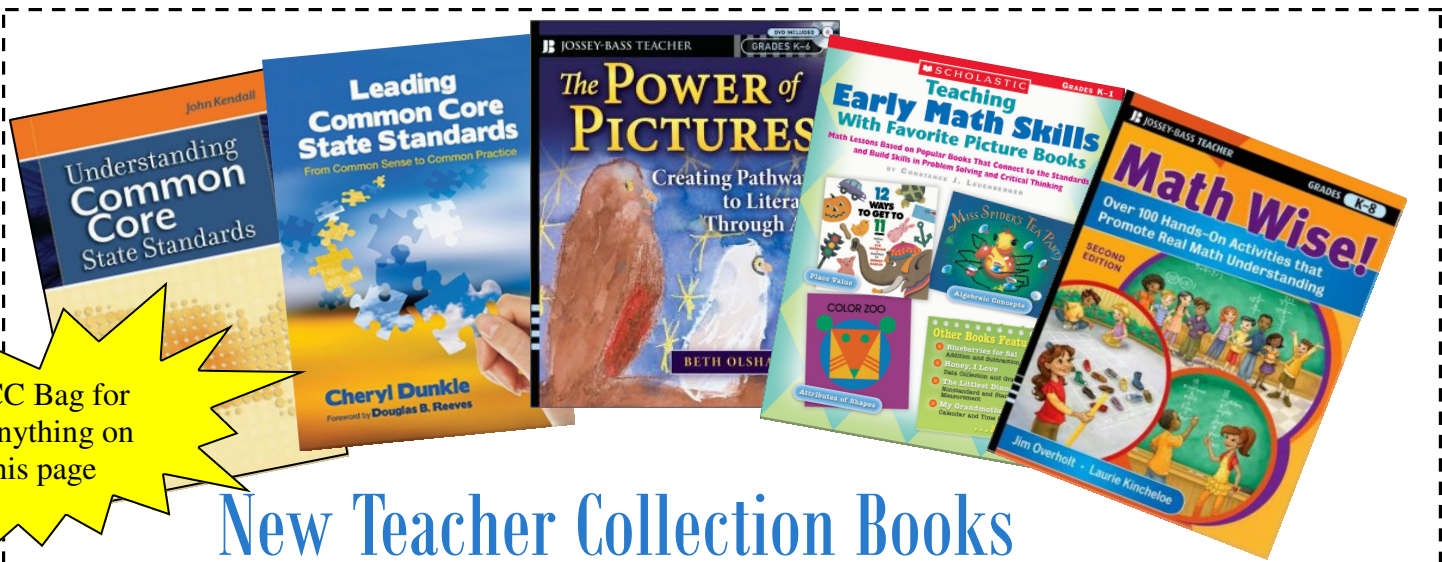


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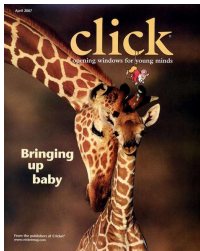
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New Teacher Collection Books

These are our newest additions to the teacher professional collection. You can check these out on your School Card. To find other items in the collection, go to the LVDL homepage and do a **keyword** search for **Teaching Resources**. Not finding what you need? Let us know what you're interested in learning more about and we'll look for resources to support you.... Maybe even add it to the teacher collection.

Nonfiction Reading with Kids' Magazines



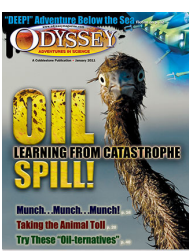
Grades K-1

Click introduces children to science, art, nature, and environmental issues. Each issue answers their questions about how the world works, one intriguing topic at a time.



Grades 3-8

Calliope brings world history right into your living room with the people, inventions, and events that shaped our growth as a society.



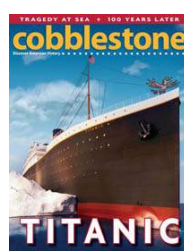
Grades 3-8

Odyssey presents science as a vital link to daily life with the most current research on cutting-edge topics.



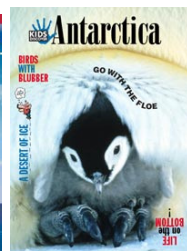
Grades 4-8

Faces gives a view of how people in other countries and world regions live. From the clothes they wear to the foods they eat. Each issue takes readers to a different country or region, or explores a topic of global importance.



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Cobblestone is a history magazine that fosters an appreciation for the past while making connections to the present. Each issue explores a single topic in depth, bringing history to life with primary sources, lively graphics, historical photographs, and maps.



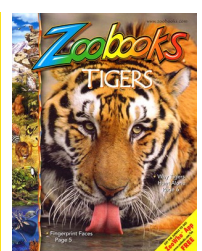
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Kids Discover has science, space, nature, history and culture—in one easy-to-understand magazine.



Grades K-8

National Geographic has a kids edition of its exploration of the natural world with great photography and expert facts.



Grades K-6

Zoobooks explores the anatomy, habitat, socialization, and ecological role of a single animal or animal group in a vibrant, easy-to-understand way.

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