

**Something Like Hope** by Shawn Goodman. Shavonne has lived a rough life, including years in juvenile detention. Now that she is on the cusp of adulthood, the prospect of going to a real prison is becoming more likely. Hurt, angry, and harboring a secret that could destroy her, Shavonne must face terrible things in order to turn her life around and find hope. (juvenile justice system, gritty realistic fiction, Delacorte Press Award for First Young Adult Novel, 2012 Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults, language)

**Trapped** by Michael Northrop. Seven students are left at a high school, waiting for their rides home when the snow starts. It turns into a week-long blizzard, trapping them in the building. The power cuts out. The generator stops working. The pipes freeze. Food, water, power, and time are running out. Who will make it out alive? (realistic fiction, blizzard, language)

**Where Things Come Back** by John Corey Whaley. The summer before Cullen Witter's senior year, a man reports spotting a Lazarus Woodpecker. Thought extinct since the 1940s, it sparks a flurry woodpecker-mania, but Cullen only cares about the disappearance of his 15-year-old brother Gabriel. While Cullen navigates his way through a summer of finding and losing love and holding his family together, another young man is searching for any semblance of meaning wherever he can find it. The two stories twine together in this novel about the dream of second chances. (2012 Printz Award, 2012 Morris Award, Louisiana author)

## WEB PAGE

Details about the program, print materials and additional resources for the titles are available at [ltrc.state.lib.la.us](http://ltrc.state.lib.la.us).

## PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Promotional materials will be available in August 2013 through an online order form on the resources page at <http://ltrc.state.lib.la.us/2014/resources.php>.

## VOTING MACHINES

To request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's office, contact Naomi Clarke at 225-362-5230 or [outreach@sos.louisiana.gov](mailto:outreach@sos.louisiana.gov).

## VOTING PROCEDURES

- Votes must be submitted by February 1, 2014
- Students may vote in their participating school, home computer or public library.
- Each student may vote only once and vote only for one book.
- To be qualified to vote, each student:
  - Must read two or more titles on the list.
  - Must live in Louisiana.
  - Must be in grades 9-12 (or equivalent).
- Complete the vote Tally Form directly on the State Library of Louisiana web site. Fill out the form, then click 'submit'.
- The tally form may also be faxed to 225-342-3547.

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# Louisiana TEEN

## Readers' Choice Award Program

# 2014



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**Grades 9-12**



# LOUISIANA TEEN READERS' CHOICE AWARD PROGRAM

The Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice Award is a reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana. The purpose of the program is to foster a love of reading in the teenagers of Louisiana by motivating them to participate in the recognition of outstanding books.

A committee of Louisiana public and school librarians and teachers compile the 9th-12th grade nominated list of 10 titles for the Louisiana Teen Readers' Choice (LTRC). Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted on the website [ltrc.state.lib.la.us](http://ltrc.state.lib.la.us). The final title list is a well-balanced collection of high quality fiction and nonfiction.

High school students may read or listen to the books and vote for their favorite one. Students only need to read two titles to vote. Votes are due by February 1st of the award year. For example, votes for the 2014 LTRC list must be submitted to the State Library of Louisiana by February 1st 2014.

## TIMELINE

**2013:** Students read books on the 2014 list.

**August 2013:** Promotional materials for 2014 will be available from the State Library of Louisiana.

**February 1, 2014:** Deadline for submitting votes to the State Library of Louisiana for the 2013 list.

**Spring 2014:** Announcement of 2013 award winners.

Some titles on the list are available for the blind and physically handicapped through the State Library. Contact Talking Books and Braille Library at 1-800-543-4702 or e-mail at [tbbkids@state.lib.la.us](mailto:tbbkids@state.lib.la.us)

## 2014 TEEN List (10 Titles)

***Anna Dressed in Blood*** by Kendare Blake. For three years, 17-year-old Cas Lowood has carried on his father's work, dispatching the murderous dead. Traveling with his kitchen-witch mother and their spirit-sniffing cat, he follows legends and local lore, keeping things like the future and friends at bay. It all changes when he meets Anna Dressed in Blood. She is unlike any other ghost he has faced, a girl wrapped in curses and rage, wearing the dress from the day of her murder in 1958: once white, now stained and dripping with blood. As a ghost, she has killed every person who has dared enter her deserted home, but, for some reason, she spares Cas. (horror, ghost story, starred reviews, sequel is *Girl of Nightmares*, language)

***The Berlin Boxing Club*** by Robert Sharnow. Karl Stern is a teenage, nonobservant Jew in Germany in the 1930s. As the Nazi party rises to power, some people care less and less how Karl sees himself, since they see him only as Jewish. They believe he is part of the group they blame for the world's problems. When a family friend, boxing champion Max Schmeling, offers to train Karl at the Berlin Boxing Club, Karl sees a chance to reinvent himself and takes him up on it. (WWII fiction, boxing, Jews, Nazi Germany, 2012 Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults, 2012 Sydney Taylor Book Award)

***Daughter of Smoke and Bone*** by Laini Taylor. Karou, a 17-year-old art student in Prague, fills her sketchbooks with monsters, speaks several languages, and naturally has bright blue hair. Raised by a family of chimaerae (the monsters she draws), she has had an unconventional, supernatural upbringing. She works for Brimstone collecting human and animal teeth from all over the world. Through a series of events, she gets drawn into a 1,000 year war and must figure out who (and what) she really is. (supernatural adventure, sequel is *Days of Blood & Starlight*, 2011 Kirkus Best Books for Teens, 2011 Publishers Weekly Best Books of the Year)

***Divergent*** by Veronica Roth. In a dystopian Chicago, Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her for the rest of her life. Each is dedicated to a particular virtue: honesty, selflessness, bravery, peacefulness, or intelligence. Her choice is complicated when she discovers powerful secrets about her identity and society. Her secret might help her save those she loves, or destroy her. (dystopian adventure, Goodreads Choice Awards Favorite Book of 2011, Publishers Weekly Best Children's Books, SLJ Best Books of the Year, sequel is *Insurgent*)

***Everybody Sees the Ants*** by A.S. King. When he was 7, Lucky Linderman's grandmother asked him to bring his grandfather home. Every night since, Lucky goes on missions to rescue his grandfather from a POW camp in Laos from the Vietnam War. By day, Lucky battles problems with bullies and his parents. After another bullying incident, Lucky's mom takes him to visit his aunt and uncle, and he meets people who show him he can't hide from reality, but he can change it, in this uplifting, humorous coming of age story. (starred reviews, humorous, bullies, language)

***The Name of the Star*** by Maureen Johnson. When Rory Deveaux leaves Louisiana for boarding school in London, she becomes involved in a series of present-day Jack the Ripper copycat murders. The really scary part is that she soon realizes she is the only one who can see the ghostly killer. In helping the London "ghost police" solve these crimes, Rory begins to understand the special powers she possesses. (Jack the Ripper copycat mystery, Louisiana heroine, Edgar Allan Poe Award nominee, Book 1 in *Shades of London* series)

***Shine*** by Lauren Myracle. When a friend becomes the victim of a brutal hate crime, Cat begins to unravel the tapestry of lies, drugs, and bigotry carpeting her small town. Her investigations lead her close to home, and she must discover, not only the identity of Patrick's attacker, but the secrets holding her community together. In an impoverished landscape with few options and less hope, Cat must learn to handle the darkness in herself and her community before she can start to shine. (mystery, gritty realistic fiction, National Book Award nominee, 2012 Booklist Best Fiction for Young Adults, language)