

Voting Machines

To request a voting machine from the Secretary of State's Office, contact Naomi Clarke at P: 225.362.5226, F: 225.932.5397 or outreach@sos.louisiana.gov

The Secretary of State's Voter Outreach Division provides voting machines upon which students may cast their vote for their favorite book. The Secretary of State believes that this is an excellent civic and educational opportunity.

When requesting the voting machines please include:

- Contact name and phone number
- School's name and address
- Grade level(s) participating
- Approximate number of students participating in each grade level
- Be sure to send in your request **NO LATER THAN December 8, 2015**

Voting Procedures

- **Votes must be submitted by February 1, 2016.**
- **Each student may vote only once and vote for only one book.**
- **To be qualified to vote, each student**
 - Must read or listen to two or more titles on the list.
 - Must live in Louisiana.
 - Must be in grades 9-12 (or equivalent).
- **Tallies**
 - Submit the tally form directly from the State Library web site at www.state.lib.la.us/ltrc. Fill out the form, then click "submit".
 - The tally form may also be printed and faxed to 225.342.3547.
 - Each student may vote individually from their participating school, public library, home computer, etc.
 - Teachers and librarians may total the votes of their class or group and submit the tally instead of individual votes.
 - The tally form must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be counted.

Louisiana TEEN

Readers' Choice Award Program 2016



A reading enrichment program of the Louisiana Center for the Book in the State Library of Louisiana.

Grades 9-12

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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 youth of Louisiana by motivating them to participate in the recognition of outstanding books.

A committee of Louisiana librarians compile the 9-12th grade list of nominated titles. Suggestions for titles to be considered may be submitted on the website www.state.lib.la.us/ltrc.

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. The books that receive the most votes from the students are the Award Winners. The books with the second most votes are the Honor Books.

Timeline

Summer 2015: Begin reading books on 2016 lists.

Oct 31, 2015: Louisiana Book Festival in Baton Rouge, www.LouisianaBookFestival.org

Feb 1, 2016: Deadline for submitting votes.

Spring 2016: Announcement of the 2016 award winners.

Webpage

Details about the program, print materials, study guides, PowerPoint presentations and additional resources for the titles are available at www.state.lib.la.us/ltrc.

Promotional materials

Free promotional materials for the 2016 list, including posters, bookmarks and seals for award books, are available from the State Library. Complete the order form on the website, www.state.lib.la.us/ltrc, to request these materials.

2016 TEEN Nominated List (10 Titles)

The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey. Aliens have invaded Earth successfully. No one saw it coming, and humanity didn't have a chance to prepare for the attack that came in four well-planned parts. All that remains to come now is the fifth wave, the final stage of the invasion that will wipe out the few remaining humans. Among the survivors are Cassie, a girl who is barely surviving as she searches for her little brother, and Zombie, a former athlete who is now training as part of the last resistance against the aliens.

Eleanor & Park by Rainbow Rowell. When Park moves towards the bus window to make room for the new girl Eleanor, it's not a gesture of friendship, just one of decency; no one else will let her sit because of her red hair, imperfect figure, and lack of fashion sense. Not that Park is one to talk – he's a misfit as well and only wants to avoid attention in high school. In a way, they're perfect for one another, and the bus ride they share each day leads to a relationship that is stronger than either of them could have imagined.

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell. Fandom has always been Cath's way of coping with change and tragedy in her life; she writes fanfiction for the popular Simon Snow book series and loves the community that comes with it. Now, away from home for the first time at college and separated from her father and twin sister, Cath is forced outside of her box by new roommates and professors. She struggles with her insecurity and new experiences while trying not to lose her identity as a fangirl.

The Living by Matt de la Peña. What should have been an easy and enjoyable summer job on a cruise ship turns into a catastrophe for Shy Espinoza. It becomes a challenge of survival after natural disaster and disease outbreak cause the ship to wreck and throw society into chaos. The story evolves into a conspiracy plot when Shy finds himself on an island with time to ponder the mysterious passenger who gave him a strange message before committing suicide.

The Naturals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes. Cassie's profiling ability has attracted the attention of the FBI who place her with a team of other talented teenagers in order to help solve cold cases. Though she hopes for a chance to investigate her mother's murder, Cassie doesn't expect to become the target of an active serial killer.

Orleans by Sherri Smith. Years into the future, the walled and quarantined Orleans is all that's left of the Gulf Coast which was destroyed by brutal hurricanes and an unchecked disease outbreak that forces its inhabitants to band together based on blood type. Daniel, a curious scientist, ventures beyond the wall to discover the reality of what lies beyond and meets Fen, a teenager desperate to escape to the outside in time to save a newborn baby from the disease.

Reclaimed by Sarah Guillory. Twins Luke and Ian McAlister are new to the small town of Solitude, while Jenna Oliver has lived there since birth and is doing everything she can to escape it. In a story full of family struggles, secrets, and guilt the three form a love triangle that forces the truth to come out.

Steelheart by Brandon Sanderson. The Reckoners are committed to ridding the world of Epics, the super villains who appeared and turned society into the dystopia it is today, so of course David wants to be one of them. David has a wealth of knowledge on the abilities and weaknesses of all the Epics, especially one called Steelheart, who killed his father. He is sure he can convince the reckoners to help him take revenge.

War Brothers by Sharon McKay, illustrated by Daniel Lafrance. After he is abducted from his Ugandan boarding school and forced to become a child soldier in the Lord's Resistance Army, Jacob's only comfort and the hope that helps him survive is the thought that recording his experiences will help others in his situation. He trusts that, if he can only share his story and bring attention to the horror and violence that he witnesses and is forced to commit, the world will send help to stop those who use children to carry out their crimes.

Winger by Andrew Smith, illustrated by Sam Bosma. Life at a boarding school for teenagers from wealthy families, especially one that welcomes attention-starved troublemakers, isn't easy for any kid. Ryan Dean West has the added difficulty of being two years younger than most of his classmates. Having the intelligence to skip grades doesn't guarantee maturity, but Ryan Dean finds more than a little humor in his situation even as he struggles to fit in with his rugby team, win the attention of an older girl, and understand the hate behind prejudices.