



## **SUPER SCIENCE FAIR PROJECTS**

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### **BOOK AWARDS**

**YALSA's Alex Awards** are awarded annually to 10 books written for adults but have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 thru 18. The award is sponsored by the Margaret A. Edwards Trust. The name of this award is named after Edwards whose friends called her Alex.

**Mildred L. Batchelder Book Awards** are given to outstanding children's books that are originally published in a language other than English and outside the United States, then translated into English and published in the U.S. Batchelder was in the forefront of implementing library services and materials for children.

**The Pura Belpré Award** was established in 1996 and named after the first Latino librarian at the New York Public Library. It is given each year to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator who truthfully affirms, celebrates and depicts the Latino culture. It is co-sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children which is division of the American Library Association, REFORMA - the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking.

**YALSA's Best Fiction for Young Adults**, until 2010 it was called, *Best Books for Young Adults*. It annually recommends fiction titles published for young adults, ages 12 to 18. It provides librarians a resource for collection development and reader's advisory purposes.

**Bluestem Reader's Choice Award : Illinois' Grades 3-5 Readers' Choice Award** is given to books designed for grades 3 to 5 that are not as sophisticated as the Rebecca Caudill titles. It recognizes both timeless classic and current titles.

**The Caldecott Medal** was named in after the 19thC English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is given annually to an illustrator who is considered the most distinguished artist of American children picture books.

**Andrew Carnegie Medal** is given for the best children's video productions.

**Rebecca Caudill Young Reader's Book Award (RCYRBA)** is given annually to most popular books voted on by 4 - 8 grade students in the state of Illinois. The books are nominated 2 years in advance by students, teachers, school and public librarians. The nominations are narrowed to 20 choices by a RCYRBA committee. A master list is compiled, sent out to schools and libraries, who collect votes from the children. It is sponsored by the Illinois Association of Teachers of

English, the Illinois Reading Council, and the Illinois School Library Media Association. Rebecca Caudill was a children's author who lived and worked in Urbana, Illinois.

**Children's Notable Lists** is administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). It chooses the "best of the best" children's books, recordings and videos.

**Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best Books** was discontinued. Its purpose was to award fiction writers from the Commonwealth.

**The Margaret A. Edwards Award** is given annually to authors who contribute a "lasting contribution to young adult literature" by helping adolescents to become aware of themselves, their role in relationships, society and the world. It is administered by YALSA and sponsored by the School Library Journal magazine.

**The Theodor Seuss Geisel Award** is given to American authors and illustrators who develop books in English for beginning readers.

**Horace Mann Upstanders Book Award for K-6 Fiction** honors new children's literature the best demonstrates the ideals of social action and encourages young readers to become agents of change. An upstander is defined as "a person who recognizes injustice and acts in a way to right the wrong".

**The Coretta Scott King Book Awards** annually honors outstanding African American authors and illustrators of children and young adult books that show an "appreciation of African American culture and universal human values". The award pays tribute to the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his wife, Coretta Scott King, for her commitment and courage in continuing her husband's work for peace and world brotherhood.

**The Newbery Medal** is given each year to the most distinguished author who contributed the most to American literature for children. It is named after the 18thC British bookseller, John Newbery.

**The Odyssey Audio Award** is given each year to the producer of the best children and young adult audio book that is produced in English in the U.S.

**The Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature** is given annually to the best teen books. Four honorary books are also named. The award is named after a Topeka, Kansas librarian who started an author-in-residence program at his high school. The award is published by Booklist, a publication of the American Library Association.

**National Jewish Book Award** annually presents awards to authors of Jewish books.

**New York Times Best Seller List** tracks the most popular books sold by National and independent bookstores.

**The Schneider Family Book Award** honors an author or illustrator who addresses the experience of people who have disabilities. The books are written for children and adolescents.

**The Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal** is given each year to the author(s) and Illustrator(s) who have produced the most distinguished informational book that was written in English and published in the U.S. Sibert, for many years, was President of Bound to Stay Bound Books, Inc in Jacksonville, IL. American Library Services to Children (ALSC) administers the award.

**We The People Bookshelf Award / American Bookshelf Association** annually awards selected libraries in the U.S., District of Columbia and its territories to receive a collection of books plus materials to support library programs. About 1,000 libraries also receive Bookshelf titles in Spanish translation. The Bookshelf selections encourage teaching, studying and understanding of American history and culture.

**The Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal Award** is given to an author or illustrator whose books are published in the U.S., and over a number of years has made a substantial contribution to children's literature.

**YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association)** is a nonprofit association comprised of librarians, library workers and advocates whose purpose is to "expand and strengthen library services for teens, aged 12 - 18." They do research and provide professional development initiatives, and its members "engage, serve and empower teens."