



White Knoll Elementary School Media Center

Fostering a Love of Reading
And
Creating Lifelong, Independent Learners

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Children's Book Award Nominees

The media center will once again sponsor a reading program for 3rd – 5th grade students featuring the Children's Book Award Nominees for 2007-2008.

But this time, you too (**3rd -5th grade teachers**) can be in a drawing for prizes. For every book you read aloud to your class, your name will be entered into a monthly drawing for a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble.

The books are not only good read alouds; many are great resources for social studies standards. The list of books is on the next two pages and we have at least one copy of each title in the media center.

If you would like me to come to your class and booktalk the titles to your students, just let me know☺

3-5th Grade Media Center Challenge

- ❖ Students in 3-5th grade read any book on the list
- ❖ Fill out a bookmark (Available in the Media Center) about a book(s) they read on the list and drop it off at the circulation desk in the media center
- ❖ A twice monthly prize drawing will be held for all submitted bookmarks
- ❖ Students who read at least 3 books can vote in a state wide contest for their favorite book on the list
- ❖ Students who read at least 10 books on the list will be invited to an ice cream party that will be held during National Library Week in April.



Abby Takes a Stand, by Patricia C. McKissack.

Gee recalls for her grandchildren what happened in 1960 in Nashville, Tennessee, when at the age of ten she passed out flyers while her cousin and other adults held sit-ins at restaurants and lunch counters to protest segregation.

Ballpark : the story of America's baseball fields, by Lynn Curlee. Includes bibliographical references. Presents, in words and illustrations, a brief overview of some of baseball's best loved ballparks, including Fenway Park in Boston, Yankee Stadium in New York City, and Wrigley Field in Chicago, and examines their history and cultural significance.

Brothers in Hope: the story of the lost boys of Sudan, by Mary Williams.

Eight-year-old Garang, orphaned by a civil war in Sudan, finds the inner strength to help lead other boys as they trek hundreds of miles seeking safety in Ethiopia, and then Kenya, before being offered sanctuary in the United States many years later.

Defiance, by Valerie Hobbs. While vacationing in the country, eleven-year-old Toby, a cancer patient, learns some important lessons about living and dying from an elderly poet and her cow

Each Little Bird That Sings, by Deborah Wiles.

Comfort Snowberger is well acquainted with death since her family runs the funeral parlor in their small southern town, but even so the ten-year-old is unprepared for the series of heart-wrenching events that begins on the first day of Easter

vacation with the sudden death of her beloved great-uncle Edisto.

Escape to West Berlin, by Maurine Dahlberg.

In 1961 East Berlin, thirteen-year-old Heidi copes with the stress of a crisis with her best friend, government pressure on her father to leave his West Berlin job, her mother's pregnancy, and the ever-present threat of the closing of the border with West Berlin.

Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy, by Andrea Warren. Chronicles the experiences of an orphaned Amerasian boy from his birth and early childhood in Saigon through his departure from Vietnam in the 1975 Operation Babylift and his subsequent life as the adopted son of an American family in Ohio.

The Greatest Skating Race: A World War II Story from the Netherlands, by Louise Borden.


During World War II in the Netherlands, a ten-year-old boy's dream of skating in a famous race allows him to help two children escape to Belgium by ice skating past German soldiers and other enemies.

Hidden Child, by Issac Millman.

The author details his difficult experiences as a young Jewish child living in Nazi-occupied France during the 1940s.

A House of Tailors, by Patricia Reilly Giff.

When thirteen-year-old Dina emigrates from Germany to America in 1871, her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his young wife and baby,



she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as her home

Lowji Discovers America, by Candace Fleming.

A nine-year-old East Indian boy tries to adjust to his new life in suburban America

The Missing Manatee, by Cynthia DeFelice.

While coping with his parents' separation, eleven-year-old Skeet spends most of Spring Break in his skiff on a Florida river, where he finds a manatee shot to death and begins looking for the killer.

The Old Willis Place: A Ghost Story, by Mary Downing Hahn.

Tired of the rules that have bound them ever since "the bad thing happened," twelve-year-old Diana ignores her brother's warnings and befriends the daughter of the new caretaker, setting in motion events that lead to the release of the spirit of an evil, crazy woman who once ruled the old Willis place.

Only Emma, by Sally Warner.

Third-grader Emma's peaceful life as an only child is disrupted when she has to temporarily share her tidy bedroom with four-year-old Anthony Scarpetto, a bona fide "pain in the patootie."

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits and A Very Interesting Boy, by Jeanne Birdsall.

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.

Rosa, by Nikki Giovanni.

Presents an illustrated account of Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her

seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955, and the subsequent bus boycott by the black community.

Show Way, by Jacqueline Woodson. A mother passes on the tradition of making quilts, or "Show ways", that serve as secret maps for freedom seeking slaves.

Stumptown Kid, by Carol Gorman and Ron J. Findley.

In a small Iowa town in 1952, eleven-year-old Charlie Nebraska, whose father died in the Korean War, learns the meaning of both racism and heroism when he befriends Luther Peale, a young man who once played for the old Negro Baseball League.

Tackling Dad, by Elizabeth Levy.

When Cassie tries out for the middle school football team, she faces unexpected opposition from her father, a former professional football player.

When Ratboy Lived Next Door, by Chris Woodworth.

When his strange family moves into her quiet southern Indiana town, sixth-grader Lydia Carson initially despises her new neighbor and classmate, who seems as wild as the raccoon that is his closest companion.