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**2013-14 ALABAMA CAMELLIA CHILDREN'S CHOICE
AWARD WINNERS NAMED**

Montgomery, Ala. - The votes are in for the 2013-14 Alabama Camellia Children's Choice Book Awards! The Alabama Camellia Children's Choice Award program, formerly known as the Emphasis on Reading program, is Alabama's book award program. For the past 33 years, this program has facilitated access for Alabama students to a pool of newer quality children's titles and allowing them to choose their favorites.

Each June, librarians gather at the Alabama School Librarians Association (ASLA) summer conference where they read and prepare a list of at least ten of the top new children's books from those submitted for consideration by publishing companies. All Alabama students who either read independently, or are exposed via read-aloud, to all books in a division are allowed to vote for their favorite title.

This year students cast over 8,700 votes for their favorite book from three different grade divisions. After compiling all of the votes from across the state, this year's award winners are:

Alabama Camellia
Children's Choice Book Award

2013-2014 Award Winners

K-1	2-3	4-5
<p>Who Has This Tail? Laura Hulbert illustrated by Erik Brooks</p>	<p>How to Babysit a GRANDPA by JEAN REAGAN illustrated by LEE WILDISH</p>	<p>CHAINED LYNNE KELLY</p>
<p>Written by Lauren Hulbert Illustrated by Erik Brooks Published by Henry Holt and Co., LLC</p>	<p>Written by Jean Reagan Illustrated by Lee Wildish Published by Alfred A. Knopf- Random House Children's Books</p>	<p>Written by Lynne Kelly Published by Margaret Ferguson Books-Farrar, Straus Giroux</p>

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The Alabama Camellia Children’s Choice Award program is facilitated by the Alabama State Department of Education, Office of Learning Support, and Instructional Services-Library Media.

For information, contact Dede Coe at dcoe1@alsde.edu or 334-242-8792. Be sure to visit the ALMO website at www.alex.state.al.us/librarymedia, maintained by [Meg Lowry](#), for up-to-date School Library Media program information.

Participating schools and Librarians for the 2013-14 award program:

Big Spring Lake Kindergarten, Albertville City Schools	Kassie Millwood
Chapman School Huntsville City Schools	Teresa J. Prestridge
Columbia Elementary School Madison City Schools	Stephanie Nguyen
Creekside Elementary Limestone County Schools	Whitney Chenoweth
Nan Gray Davis Elementary Mobile County Schools	Luanne Doan
Eura Brown Elementary Gadsden City Schools	Sherry Bridges
Fausett-Vestavia Elementary Tuscaloosa County Schools	Holly Shepherd
Fultondale Elementary Jefferson County	Jenny Rawls
Gardendale Elementary Jefferson County	Nell Branum
Evelyn D. Houston Elementary School Talladega City	Susan Haney
James A. Mulkey Elementary Geneva City Schools	Brenda Jordan
Kermit Johnson Elementary Jefferson County Schools	Kelly Mikell
L. F. Corley Elementary Boaz City Schools	Karyon Head
Mill Creek Elementary Madison City Schools	Kris Gray
Northside School Opelika City	Denise Glenn
Our Lady of the Valley Catholic School Birmingham, AL	Debbie Markey

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Pollard McCall Jr. High School Escambia County Schools	Sarah Anne Fountain
Spencer-Westlawn Elementary School Mobile County Schools	Julia Andrews
Tanner High (K-12) Limestone County Schools	Linda I. Johnson
Trace Crossings Elementary School Hoover City Schools	Stephanie Farnlacher
W.A. Threadgill Primary Sheffield City Schools	Jo Ann Bevis

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