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2014-15 ALABAMA CAMELLIA CHILDREN’S CHOICE BOOK AWARD WINNERS NAMED

Montgomery, Ala. - The votes are in for the 2014-15 Alabama Camellia Children’s Choice Book Awards! The Alabama Camellia Children’s Choice Book Award program, formerly known as the Emphasis on Reading program, is Alabama’s book award program. For the past 34 years, this program has facilitated access for Alabama students to a pool of newer quality children’s titles from which they can 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 7,000 votes for their favorite book from five different grade divisions. After compiling all of the votes from across the state, this year’s award winners are:

2014-15 Division Winners

Grades K - 1: Memoirs of a Hamster
Grades 2-3: Duke
Grades 4-5: Kirby Larson
6-8 Fiction: After Eli
6-8 Non-Fiction: "The President Has Been Shot!"

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The Alabama Camellia Children’s Choice Book 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.

Participating schools and librarians for the 2014-15 award program:

Kassie Millwood  Big Spring Lake Kindergarten
Patsy Hicks     Bryant School
Ricketta Wilson Cleburne County Middle School
Stephanie Nguyen Columbia Elementary School
Whitney Chenoweth Creekside Elementary School
Kristi Babb     Garden City Elementary School
Elizabeth Lochamy Gardendale Elementary School
Ginger Clark    H. W. Gwin Elementary School
Beth Trawick    Holly Hill Elementary School
Susan Haney     Houston Elementary School
Dianne Milam    Ivalee Elementary School
Brenda Jordan   James A. Mulkey Elementary School
Sharon Gasaway  Lee-Scott Academy (Private)
Nancy Carson    Matthews Elementary School
Natasha Hanna   Mt. Laurel Elementary School
Jennifer Elliott Our Lady of the Valley School (Private)
Julie Johnson   Phenix City Elementary School
Melanie Adkison Phillips Preparatory School
Jena Stinson    Pinedale Elementary School
Sarah Anne Fountain Pollard McCall Jr. High School
Sheryl Parker   Southside Middle School
Julia Andrews   Spencer-Westlawn Elementary School
Laura Lott      Tallassee Elementary School
Linda I. Johnson Tanner High School
Stephanie Farnlacher Trace Crossings Elementary School
Carla Johnson   Vestavia Hills Elementary West School
Jo Ann Bevis    W.A. Threadgill Primary School
Kristi Babb     Welti Elementary School
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