Book Clubs are Back!

Books clubs have been such a success that they will now be offered school wide again this year! Our focus will be on the books that have been nominated for the 2016 North Carolina Children’s Book Award.

***A little information about NCCBA.***

The North Carolina Children's Book Award began in 1992. Each year since then, school and public libraries participate in the process of selecting, studying and voting for the next winner! Members of the North Carolina Library Association's children's committee select a group of picture books and junior novels from suggestions submitted by North Carolina school children. The list of books is then given to each school and public library throughout the state. During the course of the year, classroom teachers, media specialists and public librarians in North Carolina encourage children to become familiar with the nominees and vote for their favorite title in two categories: "Picture Book" and "Junior Book". The award is therefore truly a children's book award - selected by the children of the state of North Carolina!

***How will book clubs be offered?***

A “Picture Book” and a “Junior Book” will be offered each month in the library from September until March. “Picture Book” clubs are available for all students in grades K-5. “Junior Book” clubs will be offered to students in grades 3-5 only. Students may attend as many book clubs as they wish. Just remember that in order to vote each child will need to read at least 5 books from each category. Students may attend book clubs over trackout. Transportation will need to be provided outside of school times.

The “Picture Book” clubs will be done as a read aloud with an activity to follow. The club will meet only once a month for picture books, with two books being read each month. Each month students can choose to attend either the Tuesday morning session from 8:00-8:45 OR the Tuesday afternoon session from 4:15 – 5:00. There is a limit of 30 students per session.

The “Junior Book” clubs will require students to borrow or purchase the book(ereaders are okay, however, JDE does not assume responsibility for them). Students will also be **REQUIRED** to read outside of school. We will only be reading 6 of the 11 nominated. Students may read the other 5 books on their own. These clubs will last 3 - 4 weeks depending on the book. Each month students can choose from either the Thursday morning session from 8:00-8:45 OR the Thursday afternoon session from 4:15 – 5:00 There is a limit of 20 students per session.

Each month an information sheet will be sent home for the book clubs. Use attached information as a reference for which book clubs your child would like to join. Thank you for all of your support in helping to grow our students’ love for reading! If you have any questions, please check out the JDE Media Center website at [www.jonesdiarymediacenter.weebly.com](http://www.jonesdiarymediacenter.weebly.com) or email me at kdupont@wcpss.net.

Thanks. Kelly DuPont

“Picture Book” Clubs

September Club (September 15th AM or PM)

***Ivan: the Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla*** **by Katherine Applegate.** The true story of Ivan, known as the Shopping Mall Gorilla, who lived alone in a small cage for almost 30 years before being relocated to the gorilla habitat at Zoo Atlanta.

***My Teacher is a Monster! (No, I am Not)*** **by Peter Brown.** Bored with city life and the proper behavior it requires, Mr. Tiger has a wild idea that leads him to discover his true nature.

October Club (October 20th AM or PM)

**The Cart That Carried Martin by Eve Bunting.**  Introduces young readers to details about Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral.

***Gravity*** **by Jason Chin.** What keeps objects from floating out of your hand? What if your feet drifted away from the ground? What stops everything from floating into space? Gravity, the invisible force that causes objects to attract each other. Here the author has taken a complex subject and made it brilliantly accessible to young readers in this unusual, innovative, and very beautiful book.

November Club (November 17th AM or PM)

***Last Stop on Market Street* by Matt de la Pena.** A young boy, CJ, rides the bus across town with his grandmother and learns to appreciate the beauty in everyday things.

***Gaston* by Kelly DiPucchio.** A proper bulldog raised in a poodle family and a tough poodle raised in a bulldog family meet one day in the park.

December Club (December 15th AM or PM)

***Some Bugs* by Angela DiTerlizzi.** From butterflies and moths to crickets and cicadas, a rhyming exploration of backyard-bug behavior.

**This Orq by David Elliot.** Meet Orq. He cave boy. Meet Woma. He woolly mammoth. Orq love Woma. A lot. He want pet. Orq's mother say Woma shed. And smell. And not housetrained. Yuck. Woma not allowed in cave. But Orq has plan.

January Club (January 19th AM or PM)

**Who Says Women Can’t Be Doctors: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell by Tanya Stone.** An introduction to the life and achievements of Elizabeth Blackwell, the first American female doctor. Describes the limited career prospects available to women in the early nineteenth-century, the opposition Blackwell faced while pursuing a medical education, and her pioneering medical career that opened doors for future generations of women.

**Blue on Blue by Dianne White.** Rhyming text and illustrations depict the swell and quieting of a storm.

February Club (February 16th AM or PM)

**Titles to be announced. This month will not be a part of the North Carolina Nominated Book List.**

“Junior Book” Clubs

September Club (Sept. 3,10,17, 24 AM or PM)

**Mister Max: The Book of Lost Things by Cynthia Voigt.** When Max's parents leave the country without him, he must rely on his wits to get by, and before long he is running his own -- rather unusual -- business.

October Club (Oct. 1, 8, 15 AM or PM)

**The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer Holmes.** Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager-- which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

November Club (Nov. 5, 12, 19 AM or PM)

***El Deafo* by CeCe Bell** The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

December Club (Dec. 3, 10, 17 AM or PM)

**Elvis and the Underdogs by Chris Grabenstein** All his life Benji, now ten, has been sickly and he has long been targeted by the school bully, but after a seizure Benji gets a therapy dog that is not only big enough to protect him, it can also talk.

January Club (Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 AM or PM)

**Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library by Chris Grabenstein.** Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

February Club (Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25 AM or PM)

***The One and Only Ivan*  by Katherine Applegate.** When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

\*\*Students are required to do outside reading in order to participate in the Junior Book Clubs.

Books nominated, but not being read in Book Clubs(Books can be read independently, so students can vote)

**Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson**

**Counting By 7s by Mary Goldberg Sloan**

**The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier**

**Poached by Stuart Gibbs**

**Rain Reign by Ann Martin**