

XV. Awards

Books

Maine:

Chickadee Award

The Chickadee Award is a picture book award program for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. This award is given annually to one of ten picture books nominated by a committee of teachers, librarians, and early literacy professionals. Each year the books are chosen from those published in the previous year and are selected because they present a solid, original story and artwork that supports and extends the text.

<http://www.chickadeeaward.org>

Katahdin Award

The Katahdin Award, chosen by the Lupine Committee, is a lifetime achievement award given by the Youth Services Section Interest Group of the Maine Library Association to recognize an outstanding body of work of children's literature in Maine by one author or illustrator. The award may be given annually but may not necessarily be given each year.

http://mainelibraries.org/aw_katahdin.php?mi=7&page_mi=5

Lupine Award

The Lupine Award is presented annually by the Youth Services Section Interest Group of the Maine Library Association, to recognize an outstanding contribution to children's literature of Maine. This award is granted to encourage the reading, writing and appreciation of children's books, and to foster pride in the state of Maine.

http://mainelibraries.org/aw_lupine.php?mi=7&page_mi=4

Maine State Book Award

The Maine Student Book Award (MSBA) is given annually to the book selected by Maine students in grades four through eight as their favorite book of the year.

<http://www.windham.lib.me.us/msba.htm>

American Library Association (ALA) Awards:

Batchelder Award is offered to an outstanding children's book published in a foreign language and translated into English.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/batchelderaward/batchelderaward.cfm>

Caldecott Medal is awarded annually to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal.cfm>

Coretta Scott King Book Award is given to African American authors and illustrators for outstanding inspirational and educational contributions. The Coretta Scott King Book Award titles promote understanding and appreciation of the culture of all peoples and their contribution to the realization of the American dream.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/emiert/corettascottkingbookaward/corettascott.cfm>

Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawards/newberymedal/newberymedal.cfm>

Young Adults:

Alex Awards are given by Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/alexawards/alexawards.cfm>

Michael L. Printz Award is given to a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/printzaward/Printz.cfm>

Other ALA/YALSA

Children's Notable Lists

Each year the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) identifies the best of the best in children's books, recordings, videos, and computer software.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/childrensnoteable/>

Popular Paperbacks for Young Adults

This list encourages young adults to read for pleasure by presenting them with popular or topical books with teen appeal.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/popularpaperback/popularpaperbacks.cfm>

Other National Awards:

AwardWeb is a web resource for adult genre awards that may be of high interest to some young adult readers includes for science fiction and fantasy titles.

<http://www.dpsinfo.com/awardweb/>

National Book Award for Young People's Literature is given to children's or young adult literature by the US publishing and bookselling industry.

<http://www.bookweb.org/btw/awards/National-Bk-Award.html>

Walter J. Taranko School Library Media Specialist of the Year Award

1. Award: Library Media Specialist of the Year Award plaque, \$500 donation to the recipients' school library media program, made in the name of the recipient.
2. Awarded annually at the Maine Libraries Conference in the Fall.
3. Nomination may come from:
 - MASL members and/or
 - teachers and administrators
 - Maine Department of Education or Maine State Library staff.
4. Deadline for the nominations: September 15 each year.
5. The nominations are reviewed by a committee of MASL members and the winner is selected by the MASL Executive Board. The award is made by MASL's President at the fall conference. A subsequent presentation is made by the MASL President in the winner's school, with the teachers, principal and superintendent present.
6. Any who has been a MASL member for 3 years and who is working in any capacity in the library media profession in Maine is eligible to be nominated for the award. The award is intended to honor individuals who have made a significant contribution to the library media profession on the local and/or state levels. Although the award is presented annually and the major emphasis is for contributions made during the previous school year, earlier and continuing activities should be included in the recommendations and will be considered as part of the nomination.

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Administrator of the Year Award

1. Award: Library Media Service Award for Administrators plaque, \$500 donation to the recipients' school district library media program, made in the name of the recipient.
2. Awarded at the annual conference of the recipient's state professional organization.
3. Nomination must be made by a current MASL member
4. Deadline for the nominations: September 15 each year.
5. The winner will be selected by the MASL Executive Board. The award will be made by MASL's President at the annual conference of the recipient's state professional organization. A subsequent presentation will be made by the MASL President in the winner's community.
6. Any school administrator currently employed in the state of Maine is eligible for nomination for this award. The award is intended to honor administrators who, through individual leadership and sustained effort, have made worthy contributions to the operations of effective school library media services within the educational program. The award is also intended to recognize the responsible and influential role of the school administrator in developing successful school library media programs, and to stimulate planning, implementing and support of school library media services.

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