

Three titles were selected for the One Nation, Many Voices website for ALA
Children's Book: If You're Not From the Prairie
Juvenile Book: Jake's Orphan
Secondary/Adult Book: Peace Like a River

The winners of the 2005 Flickertale Award were:
Picture Book: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus – Mo Willems
Intermediate: Spiderwick Chronicles: The Field Guide – Tony DiTerlizzi
Juvenile: Zach's Lie – Roland Smith

At our May meeting, the committee decided to add a nonfiction category for both the juvenile and intermediate levels. The Flickertale nominees for 2005-2006 are:
Picture Books (E is for Everyone!)

MOO WHO? by Margie Palatini
TOO MANY FROGS by Sandy Asher
WILD ABOUT BOOKS by Judy Sierra
BEAR SNORES ON by Kama Wilson

Intermediate Books (for students transitioning from picture books to chapter books)

STAR IN THE STORM by Joan Hiatt Harlow
THE LEGEND OF SPUD MURPHY by Eoin Colfer
RUBY LU, BRAVE AND TRUE by Lenore Look
THE END OF THE BEGINNING by Avi

Juvenile Books (for more advanced readers)

IDA B by Katherine Hannigan
THE CITY OF EMBER by Jeanne DuPrau
SEA OF TROLLS by Nancy Farmer
INKHEART by Cornelia Funke

Early-Primary Grades Non-Fiction (new category added in 2005)

THE LIBRARIAN OF BASRA by Jeanette Winter
ACTUAL SIZE by Steve Jenkins
YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TEDDY ROOSEVELT by Judith St. George
HOW ARE YOU PEELING? FOODS WITH MOODS by Joost Elffers and Saxton Freyman

Upper Grade Level Non-Fiction (new category added in 2005)

P IS FOR PEACE GARDEN by Roxanne B. Salonen
THE VOICE THAT CHALLENGED A NATION by Russell Freedman
A PIG IN THE SPIGET by Richard Wilbur

THE REVENGE OF THE WHALE by Nathaniel Philbrick

The North Dakota Reading Association and NDLA have reached a cooperative agreement. For the next two years, all members of NDRA will be able to attend NDLA at the member price, and all members of NDLA will be able to attend the spring conference of NDRA at the member price. We hope this will generate interest in both conferences.

NDLA has achieved the goal of becoming a state affiliate of the American Association of School Librarians. NDLA will pay the dues for the chair of SLAYS to be a member of ALA and AASL from here on out.

During the 2003 conference, SLAYS members passed a resolution asking the Department of Public Instruction to raise the \$10 per student minimum recommendation for library funds in schools. This amount was set sometime before 1970 and is no longer adequate. Anita Decker from DPI spoke to us at NDLA this year, and again at LMA and urged us not to pursue this as she was afraid it would be taken out altogether and there would be no dollar amount put in at all. It was decided that we should not pursue this issue through this route, but to look into alternatives. One of the alternatives we tried was to meet with an education friendly legislator and get her suggestions on how best to accomplish our goal of raising our funding in order to be able to fully serve our patrons. That meeting was held, but we were told that it wasn't really a legislative issue.

The procedures document for the SLAYS committee has been sent for review.

The incoming chair is Glenda Westman. Chair-elect is Erin Smith. Secretary-elect is Kirsten Baesler.

The conference offerings include Dr. David Loertscher, Ban Those Bird Units; and Margaret Read MacDonald, children's author; both national level presenters. There are also many programs that will be presented by local talent.

Roland Smith, will be in attendance to receive his Flickertale Award for Zach's Lie. Mo Willems is sending a video acceptance. Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi are unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Job
SLAYS Chair