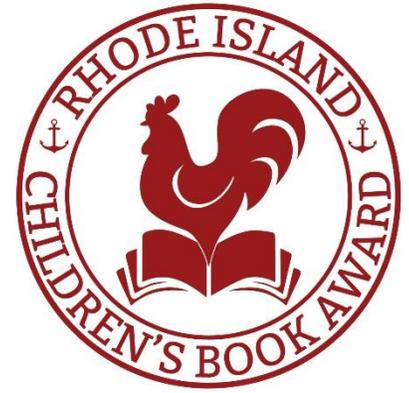


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Let's Vote!

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- Distribute ballots to students/patrons who have read 3 or more of the nominated books, collect all completed ballots, and tally your school or library's results on a blank ballot. Voting materials, including the paper ballot, can be found at <https://olis.ri.gov/programs-and-support/reading-programs/rhode-island-childrens-book-award/voting>.
- The total number of votes for each book should be entered into the form.
- If you have any difficulties or need to edit your form after it has been submitted, please contact Youth Services Coordinator, Danielle Margarida (danielle.margarida@olis.ri.gov, 401-574-9309/401-400-3006) before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1.
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and allows children to make critical choices about their reading. While we speak of one author as the “winner,” we consider all books that engage children’s interest to be winners. Please let your students or patrons know your school or library’s “best loved” book and then share with them the statewide results that are announced in May.

Thank you for voting and for participating in the RI Children’s Book Award program.

Danielle Margarida

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