

## **2008 Monarch Award Registration Form**

The official brochure will be printed soon and posted to this website as well as mailed.

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_

School or Public Library \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to register for the 2008 Monarch Award. Enclosed please find \$10 for the packet and other expenses associated with the award. *Checks made payable to ISLMA.*

**Mail to:** Monarch Award, %ISLMA, Box 598, Canton IL 61520

### **The Monarch Award**

The Monarch Award is given annually to an author and/or illustrator of a book voted as their favorite by participating K-3 children in Illinois. The award is sponsored by the Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA) and is designed to encourage Illinois students to read critically and to become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. The award is named in honor of the Monarch Butterfly, Illinois' state insect. The butterfly symbolizes growth, freedom and change—qualities that also characterize the emergent reader.

### **Master List 2008**

The Monarch Steering Committee appoints a Reading Committee, which is responsible for reading the nominees and selecting the 20 titles for the Master List.

Arnold, Tedd	<i>Hi, Fly Guy!</i>	Scholastic	2005
Best, Cari	<i>Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen</i>	Farrar, Straus & Giroux	2006
Brett, Jan	<i>Honey...Honey...Lion!: A Story from Africa</i>	Putnam's	2005
Bruel, Nick	<i>Bad Kitty</i>	Atheneum	2003
Byars, Betsy, et. al.	<i>The SOS File</i>	Henry Holt	2004
Fleming, Candace	<i>Boxes for Katje</i>	Farrar, Straus & Giroux	2003
Grey, Mini	<i>Traction Man Is Here!</i>	Alfred A. Knopf	2005
Gutman, Dan	<i>Miss Daisy Is Crazy!</i>	HarperCollins	2004
Hatkoff, Isabella, et al.	<i>Owen &amp; Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship</i>	Scholastic	2006
Kalman, Maira	<i>Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey</i>	Putnam's	2002
McMullan, Kate & Jim	<i>I Stink!</i>	Joanna Cotler Books	2003
Monks, Lydia	<i>Aaaarrgghh! Spider!</i>	Houghton Mifflin	2004
Noda, Takayo	<i>Dear World</i>	Dial Books	2003
O'Connor, Jane	<i>Fancy Nancy</i>	HarperCollins	2006
Park, Linda Sue	<i>The Firekeeper's Son</i>	Clarion Books	2004
Schanzer, Rosalyn	<i>How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning</i>	HarperCollins	2003
Silverman, Erica	<i>Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa: Partners</i>	Harcourt	2006
Urbigkit, Cat	<i>Brave Dogs, Gentle Dogs: How They Guard Sheep</i>	Boyd's Mills Press	2005
Van Dusen, Chris	<i>If I Built a Car</i>	Dutton	2005
Zweibel, Alan	<i>Our Tree Named Steve</i>	Putnam's	2005

**Find resources for the nominees at the Monarch website [www.islma.org/monarch.htm](http://www.islma.org/monarch.htm)**

## **Nominations 2009**

Students, librarians, and educators may nominate books for the 2009 Monarch Award. To be eligible for the award, books must meet the following criteria.

- Published within the past five years (2003-2007)
- Currently in print
- Author and or illustrator living at the time of Master List selection
- Fiction or nonfiction in the following genre: picture books, early readers, and early chapter books

The online nomination form is available at the ISLMA website. The deadline for nominating books for the 2009 Award is September 15, 2007.

## **Registration/Participation**

Any school which serves students in kindergarten through third grade may register and participate in the Monarch Award program. Public libraries are encouraged to register if local schools do not participate and to provide access to home-schooled children. To register, complete the form and send it along with a \$10.00 annual fee to the ISLMA address provided. Funds will be used for mailings, announcements, and costs associated with the award presentation to the winning author/illustrator. Additional copies of this registration form may be printed from the ISLMA website.

## **Voting**

Voting may be conducted in the schools by the school library media specialist, or by a teacher or library paraprofessional if the school has no media specialist. In public libraries, a librarian may collect votes from eligible readers not involved in a program in another school or library. To be eligible to vote children must have read or heard at least five (5) of the books on the Master List. Any appropriate day in February may be selected as voting day. Each reader may vote for his or her favorite book from among the nominees. The official Vote Tally sheet must be postmarked no later than February 28<sup>th</sup>. After the statewide tabulations are complete, the Monarch winner will be announced in March at reading conferences as well as posted on the ISLMA website and the ISLMA listserv.

## **Packet**

A packet will be mailed in August to registered schools and libraries. It contains a Master List of titles with annotations, an information sheet, a student ballot template, a bookmark template, an official tally form, a nomination form/criteria, a winner sticker and a 2007 winner certificate. Additional resources are available at the website.

## **Calendar**

September 15, 2007	Nomination deadline for 2009 Award
November 1-3, 2007	2007 winner recognized at ISLMA Conference
January 15, 2008	2008 Registration deadline
February 28, 2008	Postmark/submission deadline for 2008 votes
March, 2008	Announce 2008 winner
May, 2008	2009 Registration brochures mailed

## **Administration**

Steering Committee Chair: Pam Storm

Committee Members: Sharon Ball, Ann Brownson, Kay Maynard, Sally Schoenberg, Jane Yoder

**Volunteers** may complete the form at the website.

**Questions??** Contact [pstorm@charleston.k12.il.us](mailto:pstorm@charleston.k12.il.us)