



The Monarch Award: Illinois' K-3 Children's Choice Award

Information Sheet

Welcome to the 2010 Monarch Award Program! The Monarch Award is designed to encourage Illinois children to read critically and to become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. The award is named for the Monarch Butterfly and symbolizes the growth, change and freedom that characterize the emergent reader. 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.

Materials available in PDF form at the website include: <http://www.islma.org/monarch.htm>

- Information Sheet (2 pages)
- Author/Title Bookmark Template (3 per page)
- 2010 Annotated Master List with ISBNs of all resources (2 pages)
- Read All 20 sticker sheet (print on 2x4 adhesive labels) and grid for attaching stickers.
- Official Student Ballot Template (2 per page)
- 2009 Winner Certificate suitable for framing (1/2 page) and 2010 blank certificate

Linked under 2011: 2011 Nomination Form and Criteria for Nomination (2 pages)

Items mailed to registered schools and library beginning in August:

- Official Tally Sheet, Monarch number and directions for electronic voting (Gold half sheet)
- 2009 Monarch Award Winner sticker (details for purchasing additional stickers on page 2)

Quick facts for participating schools and libraries:

The Monarch Award may be administered by school libraries, public libraries and/or teachers. The registration fee for the Monarch Award is \$10 per year. The deadline is January 15, 2010. Registered schools/libraries may apply for an LBSS Endowment Grant to receive a free set of books. Participating schools or public libraries will implement activities to promote the Monarch Award. 12 of the 20 titles on the Master List must be available for reading. Children who have read or had read to them at least 5 of the 20 Master List titles are eligible to vote. Schools and libraries will develop a procedure for determining voting eligibility. Voting may take place on any convenient day in February. The online ballot template may be used or the other voting suggestions are given on the next page. ALL student votes/TOTAL votes must be submitted online by midnight February 28, 2010.

Calendar

Now-February 2010	Read 2010 Monarch Master List Titles
September 15, 2009	Nomination deadline for 2011 Award
October 29-31, 2008	2009 winner recognized at ISLMA Conference
January 15, 2010	2010 Registration deadline
February, 2010	2011 Monarch Nominees announced
February 1-28, 2010	Submit votes electronically, <u>deadline</u> midnight February 28, 2010
March, 2010	2010 winner announced
Spring, 2010	2010 Nominee Web Resources Posted
April, 2010	2011 Brochures mailed
May 15, 2010	Deadline to apply for LBSS Endowment Grant

Nominations 2010

The Monarch Steering Committee **STRONGLY** encourages participating schools and libraries to nominate titles for next year's Master List. The quality of the Master List is based on the nominations received. Nominations for the 2011 Monarch Award must have copyrights from 2005-2009 and are due by September 15, 2009. The nomination form is available at <http://www.islma.org/monarch.htm>. All information must be completed including: Author, Title, Publisher, Copyright, Type—picture book, easy reader, or chapter book. Nominations received after September 15, 2009 will be considered for the 2012 award if they meet the criteria.

Stickers

One 2010 *winner sticker* will be mailed to registered schools and libraries. Additional winner and nominee stickers may be purchased at the ISLMA 2008 Conference or ordered while supply lasts. Stickers available to order:

Four 2010 winner stickers, \$2.00 (If ordering past years, specify year.)

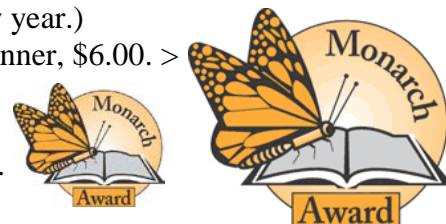
24 round Monarch **logo** stickers with no text for nominees or winner, \$6.00. >

60 smaller square **nominee** stickers, \$6.00. >

All orders should be mailed to:

Monarch Stickers, % ISLMA, P. O. Box 598, Canton, IL 61520.

Make checks payable to ISLMA.



Nominee

Voting Ideas

Number pictures of the nominees on a bulletin board to correspond with the numbers on the paper ballot to facilitate voting for younger readers. Other possible ideas include a ballot with pictures of the books, using pennies or tokens and containers with pictures of the books, allowing a student to put a sticker next to a picture of the book to cast a vote. Just a reminder: some techniques, such as a show of hands, are prone to peer pressure and may affect the outcome of the vote. Secret ballots are preferred.

Readers' Committee

The Readers' Committee is comprised of 50 volunteers from throughout the state of Illinois and includes school library media specialists, children's librarians and educators who read the top 100 nominees and narrow the list to 50 titles. In a face-to-face meeting in January, the readers narrow the list to the Master List of 20 titles based on the criteria for the Monarch Award.

Volunteers

Those who wish to be involved in Monarch Award activities can find a volunteer form at www.islma.org/monarch.htm. If the 2011 Readers' Committee is already filled, you may be held for future years. Submitting your name each year ensures that you remain on the volunteer list.

Ideas/Suggestions/Questions

Check out the new **FAQ** on our website. Post your ideas at the new **Monarch Award blog** at www.monarchaward.blogspot.com. If you still have questions or suggestions contact Pam Storm, Monarch Award Chair at pstorm@charleston.k12.il.us or 217-639-4012 (W) or 217-345-2768 (H).

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