

MONARCH AWARD

Criteria for books nominated for the 2011 Monarch Award:

1. The nominator must have read the book.
2. The book must have literary merit.
3. The book must be interesting and appealing to students in grades K-3.
4. The book must be in print at the time of nomination.
5. The book must have a copyright date within the last five years: 2005-2009.
6. The book may be non-fiction, poetry or fiction.
7. The book may not be a textbook, anthology, translation, toy, puzzle, pop-up or formula fiction.
8. A book in a series may be nominated, but the series may not appear on two consecutive lists. If one series title wins, the other books in the series may not be included on future lists for a period of five years.
9. Only one title per author is allowed per list. If multiple titles by the same author are nominated, usually the book with the oldest copyright will be chosen.
10. The author or illustrator must be living at the time of selection for the Master List.

Directions for Nominations:

1. Nominations must be submitted at the ISLMA website, www.islma.org/monarch.htm.
2. Include author, title, publisher, and copyright date for each nomination.
3. You will also need to categorize each book as a picture book, easy reader, or chapter book.
4. **Deadline for submissions is September 15, 2009.**