

Keystone to Reading Secondary Book Award, 6-8 & 9-12

Charge

To encourage the reading of a variety of quality trade books by readers in middle school and high school

Duties of Chair(s)

1. To compile a yearly list(s) of books by the Spring board meeting of the year prior to the award from which readers will select their favorite book(s)
2. To maintain a list of reviewers for each book with written reviews returned with books
3. To coordinate with other levels of the Keystone to Reading committee to eliminate overlap of selections
4. To submit materials to the Publications Committee for review before distribution
5. To distribute through the Keystone Reader, on the KSRA website, and at KSRA meetings yearly book list(s) to interested Pennsylvania readers, who wish to participate in the program.
6. To provide a ballot all readers participating in the program
7. To collect ballots and tally votes for the favorite author(s) by March 15th of the award year
8. To thank participants and inform them of that year's winner(s) on the KSRA website
9. To make arrangements for the winning author(s) to appear at the KSRA Book and Author Luncheon at the annual KSRA conference
10. To purchase a plaque for the winning author(s)
11. To solicit books from publishers to be reviewed by KSRA members for inclusion on the selection list(s)
12. To prepare an annual report and submit a copy for file with the secretary (Bylaws Article VI, Section 12) and more frequently if requested by the president

Guidelines for Young Adult Book Award Selection List

1. Two lists of 10 to 12 books each will be compiled. One list should be appropriate for readers in grades 6-8. The second list should be appropriate readers in grades 9-12.

2. The books considered for these lists must have been published in the last two years.
3. The books on the lists should represent a diversity of human experiences and genres of literature, and should include both fiction and nonfiction selections.
4. Consideration of Pennsylvania authors and illustrators for inclusion on the lists is encouraged.
5. Caldecott and Newbery award winning books should not be included on the lists, but honor books may be considered for inclusion.
6. Authors whose books previously have been selected to receive the Young Adult Book Award are eligible for future lists.
7. The winning author(s) will be invited to speak at the Book and Author Luncheon at the annual conference.