

The Weekly Update

from SD State Library School Library Services

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South Dakota Children's Book Awards

VOTING IS OPEN UNTIL APRIL 1!

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

The Prairie Bud, Prairie Bloom, and Prairie Pasque Children's Book Awards are sponsored by the [South Dakota Library Association](https://www.southdakotalibrary.org/). Prairie Bud winners are determined by South Dakota PreK, kindergarten, and first grade students. Prairie Bloom winner are determined by South Dakota second and third grade students. Prairie Pasque winners are determined by South Dakota fourth and fifth grade students. Students are encouraged to read and give a star rating for any book they read from the master lists of titles. The books receiving the most highest number of stars from the students win the awards. A committee of educators and librarians select the books nominated for the awards.



Voting is as simple as reading a book on the list, clicking the Vote Here button below, and rating the book!

You can also access the voting form here: library.sd.gov/LIB/CYS/prairie/index.aspx

Share this link with your students to be able to vote, as well!

**2021-2022 SD CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS
PRAIRIE BUD NOMINEES**



For Grades PreK-1st

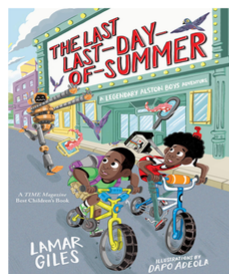
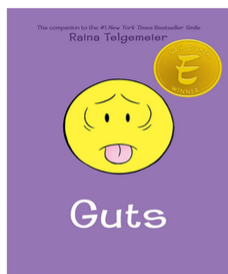
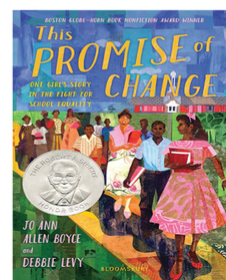
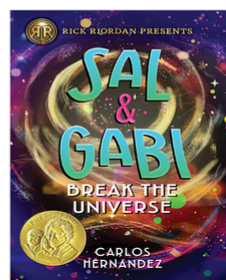
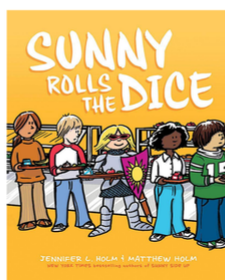
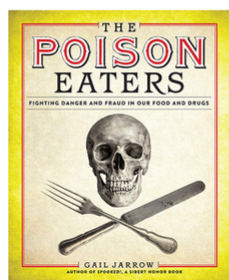
**2021-2022 SD CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS
PRAIRIE BLOOM NOMINEES**



For Grades 2nd and 3rd

2021-2022 SD CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARDS PRAIRIE PASQUE NOMINEES

For Grades 4th and 5th



VOTE HERE!

Book Talks!

The SD Children's Book Awards committee members book talk the 2021-2022 nominees. Watch the full videos below!

2022 Prairie Bud Book Trailers



2021-22 Prairie Bloom Book Trailers



2022 Prairie Pasque Book Trailers!



SD Children's Book Awards Nomination Guidelines

Purpose: To encourage children to become enthusiastic, discriminating readers.

Contest Books: Contest books must meet these requirements:

- Contest will be compiled of book titles, not selected authors.
- Fiction and non-fiction titles may be included.
- Books must have been published 2-3 years prior to the voting year.
- Book titles must reflect children's reading choices.
- T.V. or movie tie-ins will not be allowed.
- Books must meet regular library selection standards.
- Books must be chosen because of suitability and overall interest to children.
- Books must be in print.
- Books must be written by living authors.
- Illustrations must be artistic and suitable.
- Books may be recommended by teachers and librarians.
- Books will be appropriate for children in:
 - Grades PreK - 1st for Prairie Bud
 - Grades 2nd - 3rd for Prairie Bloom
 - Grades 4th - 5th for Prairie Pasque

The Book Award Committee will read the books suggested by South Dakota teachers and librarians and formulate a master list of titles to be used for the book award.

For questions, contact the [SD Library Association book awards committee](#).



**SEE A LIST OF
PAST WINNERS
HERE!**

**On this page, you'll also find printable "Winner" book labels!*

1 List of "Almost Made It" Books

If you are looking for more excellent books to add to your collection, check out the list of books that almost made it on as Prairie nominees!

The Almost-Made-It Prairie Award List

Prairie Bud

Crab Cake: Turning the Tide Together	Andrea Tsurumi
The Goose Egg	Liz Wong
Hey, Water!	Antoinette Portis
A Normal Pig	K-Fai Steele
The Last Peach	Gus Gordon
My Grandma and Me	Mina Javaherbin
The Neighbors	Einat Tsarfati

Prairie Bloom

Proper Way to Meet a Hedgehog and Other How-To Poems, The	edited by Paul B. Janeczko
Todos Iguales: Un Corrido de Lemon Grove /All Equal: A Ballad of Lemon Grove	Christy Hale

Prairie Pasque

For Black Girls Like Me	Mariama J. Lockington
Redwood and Ponytail	K.A. Holt
Because of the Rabbit	Cynthia Lord
Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky	Kwame Mbalia
New Kid	Carlos Hernandez
The Runaways	Ulf Stark
We're Not From Here	Geoff Rodkey

2 Resources for Librarians/Teachers

library.sd.gov/LIB/CYS/prairie/index.aspx#collapseDL >> Resources for Librarian/Teachers

Dear Parents,

The South Dakota Children's Book Awards encourage students in grades K-5th to read and vote for their favorite books of the year. Three children's choice awards are offered for different grade levels. The Prairie Bud Award is designed for students in grades PK-1st, the Prairie Bloom Award is designed for students in grades 2nd-3rd, and the Pasque Award is for 4th - 5th graders. All the awards encourage students to read and vote for their favorite book from a list of nominated titles. The awards are sponsored by the South Dakota Library Association, and titles are selected for their quality and potential popularity with children by South Dakota librarians and educators.

Your child can vote for South Dakota's Children's Book Awards online at school, home or in the [Name of Local Public Library] for any book they have read or had read to them. PK-3rd grade students may vote for any of the books they enjoyed reading and feel would be deserving of the Prairie Bud or Bloom awards. 4th-5th grade students may vote for any of the books they have read by ranking them on a 3-point scale. Each award is given to the book receiving the most votes from students throughout South Dakota. The reading for all nominees officially begins in the fall with each new school year.

The South Dakota Children's Book Awards has a long history of fostering a love of reading. The Prairie Pasque Award was first given in 1987 to Ivy Ruckman for her book, *Night of the Twisters*. Other winners include Phyllis Reynolds Naylor for *Shiloh*, David Patenaude for *Someone Was Watching*, and Louis Sachar for *Holes*. The Prairie Bud Award was created by the Prairie Valley Reading Council and has been given annually since 1998. The Prairie Bud Award was first given to Patricia Rae Wolff for her book, *Toll-Bridge Troll*. Other winners include Bill Grossman for *My Little Sister Ate One Hare* and Joan Steiner for *Look-Alikes*.

Awards voting begins October 1 and concludes April 1. Winning titles are announced during National Library Week in April. A list of nominated titles for each award is attached. The books are available at our school library and the [Name of Local Public Library]. Please, encourage your child to help select the best children's book of the year in South Dakota by reading Prairie Award books. To cast an online ballot at home, visit the [SDSL Ballot URL].

If you have any questions, please, contact me at [Your Name and Phone Number/Email].

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SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE

Date: [Date]

For Immediate Release

Students to Pick Book Award Winners

Students at [Name of School] will help decide the winners of the three South Dakota Children's Book Awards. Children in grades PK-1st will read and vote for books nominated to win the Prairie Bud Award. Second and third graders will read books vying for the Prairie Bloom Award. The Prairie Pasque Award is chosen by 4th-5th graders. Nominations are compiled by a committee of South Dakota librarians and educators who read and review every book to determine its appropriateness for the annual awards. Books are selected for their quality and potential popularity with children.

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For more information, please contact [Your Name and Phone Number/Email].

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3+ Prairie Award Downloads

For a wide variety of downloadable content - from bookmarks to labels to reader certificates and more - visit the Prairie Award page on the SD State Library website, scroll down, and click on "Downloads".

<https://library.sd.gov/LIB/CYS/prairie/index.aspx#collapseDL>



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Bookmarks



SNEAK PEEK AT THE 2022-2023 LIST!



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The SD State Library's Collect + Connect Facebook Group is for SD School Librarians! Join to share your ideas and photos, ask your questions, reach out for advice, and discuss all of the awesomeness that happens in your library!



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