

2008

January 2008 - Characters Cultivate Courage

Strong Man - Meghan McCarthy
The Buffalo Storm - Katherine Applegate
Iron Thunder - AVI

February 2008 - Fanciful February Picks

Gladys Goes Out to Lunch - Derek Anderson
When Ruby Tried to Grow Candy - Valorie Fisher
The Castle Corona - Sharon Creech

March 2008 - Leap Into Spring

On Meadowview Street - Henry Cole
A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever - Marla Frazee
The Aurora County All-Stars - Deborah Wiles

April 2008 - More Than They Bargained For

When Dinosaurs Came With Everything - Elise Broach
Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly - Alan Madison
Night of the Howling Dogs - Graham Salisbury

May 2008 Picks: Canines Devine

Dogku, by Andrew Clements
A Home for Dixie, by Emma Jackson
Dog Gone, by Cynthia Chapman Willis

June 2008 Picks: African Adventures

Honey, Honey Lion, by Jan Brett
Planting the Trees of Kenya, by Claire A. Nivola
Dolphin Song, by Lauren St. John

2007

January 2007 - Off to a Flying Start

Moon Plane - Peter McCarty
Up - Jim La Marche
Wings - William Loizeaux

February 2007 - Courage Comes in All Colors

Wind Flyers - Angela Johnson
Perfect Timing, How Issac Murphy Became One of the Worlds Greatest Jockeys - Patsi B. Trollinger
My Name Is Sally Little Song - Brenda Woods

March 2007 - And They Read Happily Ever After

Falling for Rapunzel - Leah Wilcox
Jack and the Beanstalk - Matt Tavares

The Secret History of Tom Trueheart - Ian Beck

April 2007 - Praise Bee to Our Librarians

Mr. Katapat's Incredible Adventures - Barroux
Library Lion - Michelle Knudsen
Here Lies the Librarian - Richard Peck

May 2007 - Mysteries Keep You Guessing

The Web Files - Margie Palatini
Houdini: The World's Greatest Mystery Man and Escape King - Kathleen Krull
The Invention of Hugo Cabret - Brian Selznick

June 2007 - Celebrate Friendship Today

Duck at the Door - Jackie Urbanovic
Little Moon Dog - Helen Ward
Rascal - Sterling North

July 2007 - Pack a Pick for the Road

Road Trip - Roger Eschbacher
Pictures From Our Vacation - Lynne Rae Perkins
The Middle of Somewhere - J.B. Cheaney

August 2007 - Down on the Farm

The Toy Farmer - Scott Nash
The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County - Janice N. Harrington
Rosa Farm - Liz Wu

September 2007 - Hope in Hard Times

The Cello of Mr. O - Jane Cutler
One Thousand Tracings; Healing the Wounds of World War II - Lita Judge
Someone Named Eva - Joan M. Wolf

October 2007 - Newsbee Goes Wild

Peanut - Linas Alsenas
The Tale of Pale Male - Jeanette Winter
The White Giraffe - Lauren St. John

November 2007 - Families Sharing and Caring

My Dog Is as Smelly as Dirty Socks and Other Funny Family Portraits - Hanoch Piven
How to Be a Baby, By Me, the Big Sister - Sally Lloyd-Jones
Edward's Eyes - Patricia MacLachlan

December 2007- A Good Book, a Lasting Gift

Toy Boat - Randall de Sève
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - Kate DiCamillo
The Curious Adventures of the Abandoned Toys - Julian Fellowes

2006

January 2006 - Books My Parents Loved

Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel - Virginia Lee Burton
The Reluctant Dragon - Robert D. San Souci
Island of the Blue Dolphins - Scott O'Dell

February 2006 - Helping Out

Some Friends to Feed, The Story of Stone Soup - Pete Seeger and Paul DuBois
Nora's Ark - Natalie Kinsey-Warnock
Gracie's Girl - Ellen Wittlinger

March 2006 - Being a Friend

Cold Paws, Warm Heart - Madeleine Floyd
Owen and Mzee - Isabella and Craig Hatkoff and Dr. Paula Kahumbu
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane - Bagram Ibatoulline

April 2006 - Hip Hip Hooray for Earth Day

Hurry and the Monarch - Monarch, Antoine O'Flatharta
Challenger, America's Favorite Eagle - Margot R. Raven
Jackie's Wild Seattle - Will Hobbs

May 2006 - Teachers Rock!

Mrs. McBloom CLEAN UP Your Classroom - Kelly Dipucchio
The Last Day of School - Louise Borden
Counting on Grace Story - Elizabeth Wintrop

June 2006 - Doggie Tales

Little Dog - Lisa Jahn-Clough
Shep, Our Most Loyal Dog - Sneed Collard III
A Dog's Life - Ann M. Martin

July 2006 - Discover the Inventor in You!

Inventor McGregor - Kathleen T. Pelley
Marvelous Mattie - Emily Arnold McCully
The Kid Who Invented the Trampoline - Don L. Wulffson

August 2006 - Farm Animals

Oink - Margie Palatini
Roasted Peanuts - Tim Eagan
Misty of Chincoteague - Marguerite Henry

September 2006 - The Wonder of Words

Baby Bear's Books - Jane Yolen
The Boy Who Loved Words - Roni Schotter
Walter, The Story of a Rat - Barbara Wersba

October 2006 - Mysterious Adventures Brewing

Jackie and The Shadow Snatcher - Larry Di Fiori
Steal Back the Mona Lisa - Meghan McCarthy
Gideon the Cutpurse - Linda Buckley-Archer

November 2006 - Thankful for Our Families

What Could Be Better Than This - Linda Ashman
Small Beauties, the Journey of Darcy Heart O'Hara - Elvira Woodruff
One-Handed Catch - M.J. Auch

December 2006 - Light Up Your Life With a Holiday Pick

Cookies - Amy Krouse Rosenthal
The First Christmas Stocking - Elizabeth Winthrop
The Borrowers - Mary Norton

2005

January 2005 - Strive to be a Hero

The Friend - Sara Stewart
The Librarian of Basra - Alia Muhammad
Hachiko Waits - Lesla Newman

February 2005 - Bee Unique

Odd Velvet - Mary E. Whitcomb
Pinduli - Janell Cannon
Hope and Glory in Freedom, Georgia - Barbara O'Conner

March 2005 - Friends from Mary Lands

Elena's Serenade - Cambell Geeslin
Zen Shorts - Jon J. Muth
Thin Wood Walls - David Patneaude

April 2005 - Keep Em Laughin

Never Cry Wolf - Jane Wattenberg
The Giant and the Beanstalk - Diane Stanley
A Teacher's Funeral - Richard Peck

May 2005 - Grandparents Make Love Apparent

The Giant Hug - Sandra Horning
Faraway Grandpa - Roberta Karim
Stand Tall - John Bauer

June 2005 - Always a Good Time at the Fair

Farmer Dale's Red Pickup Truck - Lisa Wheeler
Come to the Fair - Janet Lunn
Charlotte's Web - E.B. White

July 2005 - Happy Birthday America

Liberty's Journey - Kelly Di Pucchio
Saving Strawberry Farm - Deborah Hopkinson
Lowi Discovers America - Candace Fleming

August 2005 - Stay Afloat

Froggy Fables - John Lechner
Sunny Boy - Candace Fleming
The Missing Manatee - Cynthia DeFelice

September 2005 - Never Give Up

Ziggy's Blue Ribbon Day - Claudia Mills
Let Them Play - Margot Theis Raven
Defiance - Valerie Hobbs

October 2005 - Footprints In History

Buddy, The Story of Buddy Holly - Anne Bustard
Reaching for the Moon - Buzz Aldrin
The Journey That Saved Curious George - Louise Borden

November 2005 - Keeping the "I" In Imagination

Clara and Asha - Eric Rohmann
Imagine a Day - Sarah L. Thomson
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - C.S. Lewis

December 2005 - Gifts of Giving Is Theme for December

Santa Claus, The World's Number One Toy Expert - Marla Frazee
Winter's Gift - Jane Monroe Donovan
The Wee Christmas Cabin of Carn-na-ween - Ruth Sawyer

2004

January 2004 - Measuring Up

The Dot - Peter H. Reynolds (Borders 2004 Original Voices Award nominee)
Snowflake Bentley - Jacqueline Briggs Martin (Caldecott Medal)
Chig and the Second Spread - Gwenyth Swain

February 2004 - Making a Difference

Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed - Emily Pearson
The Quiltmaker's Gift - Jeff Brumbeau (Missouri Show-Me Book Award Nominee, 2002-2003)
Luba, the Angel of Bergen-Belsen - Luba Tryszynska-Brederick

March 2004 - Keep Um Laughing

Diary of a Wombat - Jackie French (2003 Cuffie: Best Picture Book, Funniest Book)
Duck for President - Doreen Cronin
The Boy on Fairfield Street - Kathleen Krull

April 2004 - Farm Life

Serious Farm - Tim Egan
The Animal Hedge - Paul Fleischman
Jake's Orphan - Mark Twain Nominee

May 2004 - Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Mighty Jackie, the Strike-Out Queen - Marissa Moss
Oliver's Game - Matt Tavares
Becoming Joe DiMaggio - Maria Testa

June 2004 - Father Figures

Gorilla - Anthony Browne
The Firekeeper's Son - Linda Sue Park
Heartbeat - Sharon Creech

July 2004 - Animal Kingdom

Up in Heaven - Emma Chichester Clark
Arrowhawk - Lola M. Schaefer
The World According to Humphrey - Betty G. Birney

August 2004 - Ride a Reading Wave

Atlantic - G. Brian Karas
Turtle Tracks - Sally Harman Plowden
The Young Man and the Sea - Rodman Philbrick

September 2004 - Brand New Starts

Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel - Leslie Connor
Packet of Seeds - Deborah Hopkinson
The Truth About Sparrows - Marian Hale

October 2004 - Tall Stories and Fairy Tales

Apples to Oregon - Deborah Hopkinson
The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish - Neil Gaiman
Leaping Beauty - Gregory Macguire

November 2004 - Wild About Reading

Wild About Books - Judy Sierra
Tomas and the Library Lady - Pat Mora
Ida B. - Katherine Hannigan

December 2004 - Gift of the Season

Niccolini's Song - Chuck Wilcoxen
My Penguin Osbert - Elizabeth Cody Kimmel
The Hundred Dresses - Eleanor Estes

2003

January 2003 - Brrr . . . It's Cold

Snow Ravens - Bruno Hachler
Mr. Putter and Tabby Catch the Cold - Cynthia Rylant
Black Star, Bright Dawn - Scott O'Dell

February 2003 - Fun, Fun, Fun

Alphaboat - Michael Chesworth
This Gum for Hire - Bruce Hale
The House Called Awful End - Philip Ardagh

March 2003 - Courage for the Hard Times

Courage - Bernard Waber
When Marian Sang - Pam Munoz Ryan
When My Name Was Keoko - Linda Sue Park (Mark Twain Award Nominee, 2004-2005)

April 2003 - Nature and Gardening

How Groundhog's Garden Grew - Lynne Cherry
Audubon, Painter of Birds in the Wild Frontier - Jennifer Armstrong
The Secret Garden - Frances Hodgson Burnett

May 2003 - Mom's the Best

My Momma Likes to Say - Denise Brenna-Nelson
Mama Played Baseball - David A. Adler
Takeoffs and Landings - Margaret Haddix

June 2003 - Fairs and Fun

Roller Coaster - Marla Frazee (2003 Parent's Choice Award winner, Gold; The New York Library's List of 100 Books for Reading and Showing)
The Girl on the High-Diving Horse - Linda Oatman High
Fair Weather - Richard Peck (Mark Twain Award nominee, 2003-2004)

July 2003 - Dog, A Kid's Best Friend

Bubba and Beau, Best Friends - Kathy Appelt
Lucky Boy - Susan Boase (Missouri Show-Me Book Award nominee)
Lassie Come Home - Eric Knight

August 2003 - Friends Through Thick and Thin

That's What Friends Are for - Florence Parry Heide & Sylvia Van Clief
Enemy Pie - Erek Munson
Granny Torrelli Makes Soup - Sharon Creech (Borders 2004 Original Voice Award nominee)

September 2003 - Love of Literacy

The Best Place to Read - Susan Bloom
The Hard Time Jar - John Holyfield
School Story - Andrew Clements (Mark Twain Award Nominee)

October 2003 - Our Imagination

How I Became a Pirate - Melinda Long (Book Sense Book of the Year; 2003 Cuffe: Honorable Mention, Best Picture Book)
Stuart's Cape - Sara Pennypacker
The Story of the Seagull and the Cat Who Taught Her to Fly - Luis Sepulveda

November 2003 - Thankful for so Many Things

Grateful, A Song of Giving Thanks - John Bucchino
Let's Go Home - Cynthia Rylant
Maggie's Door - Patricia Reilly Giff

December 2003 - Books to Bring on Holiday Cheer

Twas the Night Before Christmas - Illustrated by Matt Tavares
Red-Headed Robbie's Christmas Story - Bill Luttrell
The Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens (adapted by Stephen Krensky)

2002

September 2002 - School Days

If You Take a Mouse to School - Laura Joffe Numeroff
The Year of Miss Agnes - Kirkpatrick Hill
Loser - Jerry Spinelli (Mark Twain Award nominee, 2004-2005; Newberry Honor, 2003)

October 2002 - Being Different's Okay

Don't Laugh at Me - Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin
Gooney Bird Greene - Lois Lowry
Hoot - Carl Hiaasen (Mark Twain Award Nominee, 2004-2005)

November 2002 - Something for Everyone

Giggle, Giggle, Quack - Doreen Cronin (Building Block Picture Award Nominee, 2003-2004)
Because of Winn-Dixie - Kate DiCamillo (Newberry Honor Book, 2001)
Dancing in Cadillac Light - Kimberly Willis Holt (Mark Twain Award Nominee, 2003-2004)

December 2002 - Christmas Wishes

A Wish to Be a Christmas Tree - Colleen Moore
Christmas Tapestry - Patricia Polacco
Miracle on 34th Street - Valentine Davies

