GOALS

- Provide young readers with an opportunity to voice their opinions about the books written for them.
- Develop an annual annotated reading list of new books that young readers enjoy reading.
- Assist teachers, librarians, booksellers, parents, and others find books that will encourage young readers to read more.

BACKGROUND

Children’s Choices began as an annual joint project of the International Reading Association (IRA) and the Children’s Book Council (CBC) in 1974. Each year, approximately 10,000 children (grades K-6) from different regions of the United States read and choose 100 favorite from books donated by U.S. children’s book publishers.

An annotated list is downloadable from the IRA website. On the home page of www.reading.org under Resources (left-hand side of the webpage) click on Reading Lists.

TEAM LEADERS

Children’s Choices team leaders are selected from five areas of the United States.

AREA 1: Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington

AREA 2: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont

AREA 3: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas

AREA 4 Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming

AREA 5: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin

The reading list is available for viewing and downloading in PDF format at www.reading.org/choices or by contacting our Customer Contact Center at 1-800-336-READ (7323).

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