GOALS

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

BACKGROUND

Young Adults’ Choices began in 1987 as an annual project of the International Reading Association (IRA). Each year approximately 4,500 students in grades 7 to 12 from different areas of the United States read and select 30 titles from new books donated by North American publishers.

An annotated list of 30 titles 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

Young Adults’ 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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