CLSC YOUNG READERS

Since 1994, the CLSC Young Readers program has engaged young Chautauquans and community members in the enjoyment of good reading. Each summer, a selection of books are chosen for their quality, the variety of their styles and subjects, and their appeal to young readers.

The Young Readers medallion rewards young Chautauquans who read 16 books from the program's historic book list. The medallion is made possible by the John H. Bliss Memorial Fund and the support of the CLSC Class of 2002.



PAST SELECTIONS -

1994

The Children of Green Knowe by Lucy Boston ● Don Coyote by Dayton O. Hyde ● Drifting Home by Pierre Berton ● The Man in the Ceiling by Jules Feiffer ● The Mozart Season by Virginia Euwer Wolff ● Oddballs by William Sleator ● Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper ● Poems That Sing To You by Michael R. Strickland ● A Woman Unafraid by Penny Colman

1995

Boy: Tales of Childhood and The Vicar of Nibbleswicke by Roald Dahl • The Bat Poet by Randall Jarrell • The Case of the Mummified Pigs by Susan Quinlan • Crow and Weasel by Barry Lopez • The Giver by Lois Lowry • Half Magic by Edward Eager • The Snow Goose by Paul Gallico • Talking Peace by Jimmy Carter • Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

1996

The Extraordinary Cases of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle • Dinotopia by James Gurney • In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord • The Mystery of the Ancient Maya by Carolyn Meyer and Charles Gallenkamp • The Midwife's Apprentice by Karen Cushman • Out of Nowhere by Ouida Sebestyen • Ordinary Genius, The Story of Albert Einstein by Stephanie Sammartino McPherson • Ordinary Magic by Malcolm Bosse • Our Town by Thornton Wilder

1997

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne • Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling • The View from Saturday by E.L. Konigsburg • The Friendship/The Gold Cadillac by Mildred Taylor • Elizabeth Blackwell: A Doctor's Triumph by Nancy Kline • Motel of the Mysteries by David Macaulay • Doodle Soup/The Hopeful Trout by John Ciardi • The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman • Leonardo da Vinci by Diane Stanley

1998

Heidi by Johanna Spyri • The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor, retold by John Yeoman • An American Hero by Barry Denenberg • A Dark Horn Blowing by Dahlov Ipcar • Outrageous Women of Ancient Times by Vicki León • SOS Titanic by Eve Bunting • Sunshine Rider by Ric Lynden Hardman • The Jazz Kid by James Lincoln Collier • Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

1999

Chautauqua, An American Utopia by Jeffrey Simpson • Holes by Louis Sachar • Running Out of Time by Margaret Peterson Haddix • The Shakespeare Stealer by Gary Blackwood • The Tarantula in My Purse by Jean Craighead George • Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone by J.K. Rowling • Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren • The Library Card by Jerry Spinelli • The Illustrated Man by Ray Bradbury

2000

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis • My Friend Flicka by Mary O'Hara • A Jar of Tiny Stars edited by Bernice Cullinan • The Voyage of the Frog by Gary Paulsen • Time Capsule edited by Donald Gallo • Skellig by David Almond • The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry • The Search for Delicious by Natalie Babbitt • My Life with the Chimpanzees by Jane Goodall

2001

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang • Frank O. Gehry: Outside In by Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan • The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster • A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare • Dave at Night by Gail Carson Levine • A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck • A Bone From A Dry Sea by Peter Dickinson • Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo • Ghost Boy by Iain Lawrence

2002

Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions by Margaret W. Musgrove • The Flag of Childhood: Poems from the Middle East by Naomi Shihab Nye • A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park • Seek by Paul Fleischman • Little Women by Louisa May Alcott • Island of the Aunts by Eva Ibbotson• Behind Rebel Lines: The Incredible Story of Emma Edmonds, Civil War Spy by Seymour Reit • The Enchanted Castle by Edith Nesbit • Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

2003

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke • Aquamarine by Alice Hoffman • Hoot by Carl Hiaasen • Crispin: The Cross of Lead by Avi • The Gospel According to Larry by Janet Tashjian • Gandhi: Great Soul by John Severance • Carver: A Life in Poems by Marilyn Nelson • From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg • Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

2004

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo • The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean • Eragon (Inheritance, Book 1) by Christopher Paolini • Milkweed by Jerry Spinelli • When We Were Saints by Han Nolan • Promises to Keep by Sharon Robinson • The Brothers Grimm: Two Lives, One Legacy by Donald R. Hettinga • The Education of Little Tree by Forrest Carter • Classic Tales and Fables for Children by Leo Tolstoy • Three Questions by Jon J. Muth

2005

City of the Beasts by Isabel Allende • Silk Umbrellas by Carolyn Marsden • Shelf Life: Stories by the Book edited by Gary Paulsen • The Goose Girl by Shannon Hale • Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata • Antarctica by Walter Dean Myers • The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pène du Bois • Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein • Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales: A Selection by Hans Christian Andersen

2006

The Wanderer by Sharon Creech • The Scarecrow and His Servant by Philip Pullman • Heat by Mike Lupica • The Day it Snowed Tortillas by Joe Hayes • Flush by Carl Hiaasen • Nothing but the Truth by Avi • Before Hollywood by Paul Clee • Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine • Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift, retold by Martin Jenkins

2007

Wing Nut by M.J. Auch • Gossamer by Lois Lowry • Kindness: A Treasury of Buddhist Wisdom for Children and Parents by Sarah Conover • The Mouse of Amherst by Elizabeth Spires • Stowaway by Karen Hesse • Rules by Cynthia Lord • Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott by Russell Freedman • Escape!: The Story of the Great Houdini by Sid Fleischman • Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

2008

Babe Zaharias: The Making of a Champion by Russell Freedman • Good Masters, Sweet Ladies by Laura Amy Schlitz • Horns and Wrinkles by Joseph Helgerson • Robert Jackson by Gail Jarrow • Charlotte's Web by E.B. White • The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo • The Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick • Everything on a Waffle by Polly Horvath • Whittington by Alan Armstrong

2009

The Young Birder's Guide by Bill Thompson III • The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall • Kenny and the Dragon by Tony DiTerlizzi • The Arrival by Shaun Tan • Peter Pan by J.M.

Barrie • Three Cups of Tea (Young Readers Edition) by Greg Mortenson and David Relin • Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen • The Surrender Tree by Margarita Engle • Savvy by Ingrid Law

2010

The Magician's Elephant by Kate DiCamillo • Fairest by Gail Carson Levine • Haroun and the Sea of Stories by Salman Rushdie • When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead • Everything for a Dog by Ann M. Martin • Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin • A River of Words by Jen Bryant • Charles and Emma by Deborah Heiligman • Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

2011

The Unfinished Angel by Sharon Creech • King of Shadows by Susan Cooper • The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick • The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan • The Night Fairy by Laura Amy Schlitz • Operation Redwood by S. Terrell French • Sweethearts of Rhythm by Marilyn Nelson • Sparky by Beverly Gherman • The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

2012

The Fingertips of Duncan Dorfman by Meg Wolitzer • Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick
• The Wise Fool by Shahrukh Husain, illustrated by Micha Archer • Okay for Now by
Gary Schmidt • Ninth Ward by Jewell Parker Rhodes • A Long Walk to Water by Linda
Sue Park • The Greatest Presidential Stories Never Told by Rick Beyer • Reflections of a
Peacemaker by Mattie J. T. Stepanek • To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee

2013

The Grimm Legacy by Polly Shulman • Dear Blue Sky by Mary Sullivan • Out of my Mind by Sharon M. Draper • The Fault In Our Stars By John Green • The One and Only Ivan By Katherine Applegate • Ungifted By Gordon Korman • Lincoln's Last Days by Bill O'Reilly and Dwight Jon Zimmerman • Discovering the Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore • A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle • The Young Reader's Shakespeare: Romeo & Juliet A Retelling by Adam Mckeown

2014

Wonder by R.J. Palacio • Babayan and the Magic Star by Kiku Adatto • Keeper by Mal Peet • Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai • Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan • The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie • Words in the Dust by Trent Reedy • Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by Kate DiCamillo • The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster • What the World Eats by Peter Menzel and Faith D'Aluisio

2015

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus by Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet • The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton • The Crossover by Kwame Alexander • Enrique's Journey (Young Readers' edition) by Sonia Nazario • Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman and Lorenzo Mattotti • Through the Woods by Emily Carroll • Under the Egg by Laura Marx Fitzgerald • The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp by Kathi Appelt • Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell • I Am Malala (Young Readers' edition) by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick • Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

2016

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson • Brilliant by Roddy Doyle • March: Book One by John Lewis • March: Book Two by John Lewis • The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin • Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool • The Marvels by Brian Selznick • Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt • Pax by Sara Pennypacker • Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan

2017

Out of Wonder by Kwame Alexander • The Wild Robot by Peter Brown • The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros • All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook by Leslie Connor • What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? by Jean Fritz • The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz • Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer by Kelly Jones • Nellie Bly and Investigative Journalism for Kids by Ellen Mahoney • Flying Lessons and Other Stories by Ellen Oh (editor) • Short by Holly Goldberg Sloan • Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story by Caren Stelson

2018

A Study in Charlotte by Brittany Cavallaro • One Last Word by Nikki Grimes • Ahimsa by Supriya Kelkar • A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel by Hope Larson • I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy • Cloud and Wallfish by Anne Nesbet • Snow White: A Graphic Novel by Matt Phelan • The Ethan I Was Before by Ali Standish • Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White by Melissa Sweet • The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas • Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder

2019

Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation adapted by Ari Folman • Number the Stars by Lois Lowry • Wishtree by Katherine Applegate • Willa of the Wood by Robert Beatty • The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm • Speak a Powerful Magic by Wick Poetry Center • The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge by M. T. Anderson and Eugene Yelchin • The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor • The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Readers Edition) by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer • Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome • Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes edited by David Roessel and Arnold Rampersad

2020

Cast Away by Naomi Shihab Nye • Scary Stories for Young Foxes by Christian McKay Heidicker • Little Women by Louisa May Alcott • Cog by Greg Van Eekhout • Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly • Free Lunch by Rex Ogle • Planet Earth Is Blue by Nicole Panteleakos • Ban This Book by Alan Gratz • The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani

2021

The Great Wall of Lucy Wu by Wendy Wan-Long Shang • Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson • Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell • Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy by Emmanuel Acho • Wink by Rob Harrell • New Kid by Jerry Craft • The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davis • This Poem Is a Nest by Irene Latham • When Stars Are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed

2022

We are Still Here by Traci Sorell • Wilderlore: The Accidental Apprentice by Amanda Foody • Every Human Has Rights: A Photographic Declaration for Kids by National Geographic • Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai • Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi • Someone Builds the Dream by Lisa Wheeler • Call Us What We Carry by Amanda Gorman • Tom's Midnight Garden (Graphic Novel) by Edith • Jennifer Chan is Not Alone by Tae Keller • Mi Casa is My Home by Laurenne Sala • The Beatryce Prophesy by Kate DiCamillo • The Raconteur's Commonplace Book: A Greenglass House Story by Kate Milford

2023

Those Kids from Fawn Creek by Erin Entrada Kelly • Book Scavenger (The Book Scavenger Series, 1) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman • Displacement by Kiku Hughes • The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill • The Last Cuentista by Donna Barba Higuera • Indigo Blume and the Garden by Kwame Alexander • The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander • National Parks of the U.S.A. by Kate Siber • Wild Symphony by Dan Brown • Kaleidoscope by Brian Selznick • The Magical Closet Mystery: A Puerto Rican Adventure by María Pérez-Gómez