



2013 Sequoyah Book Awards

Lessons + Activities

Day One:

It's Sequoyah Book Award Week at *The Oklahoman*!

Find out about the award and how to get your students reading and involved in selecting the next authors to win this prestigious award.

The Sequoyah Book Award was established in 1959 by the Oklahoma Library Association (OLA) and is the third oldest youth-choice literary award in the nation. The reading program that revolves around the award introduces young people to age-appropriate books of high literary quality.

Every school year, young Oklahomans read selections from lists of books prepared by the OLA Sequoyah committees. There are three masterlists for different age groups of young readers: High School (Grades 9 to 12), Intermediate (Grades 6 to 8), and Children (Grades 3 to 5).

In March, young people across the state cast their vote for the book they enjoyed the most. Students must read three or more books on their masterlist to participate in the election. Award medals are presented to the winning authors in all three categories. Almost 19,000 young people voted in last year's election!



On the web, visit bit.ly/R9QKHU to find:

- More about how the award works
- All three 2013 masterlists with book annotations
- Lists of winners from the past 53 years
- A smorgasbord of booktalks and more for all 2013 titles
- PowerPoint samplers/presentations for each masterlist
- Downloadable bookmarks and reading certificates



With this award, Oklahoma honors the Native American leader Sequoyah (ca. 1778-1843) for his unique achievement in creating the Cherokee syllabary. Sequoyah chose eighty-five symbols to represent all spoken sounds of the Cherokee language. In so doing, he created a way to preserve his people's language and culture.

Visit nie.newsok.com for even more information and resources to launch a Sequoyah reading program in your school, class or library!

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