

ASFMS Summer Reading 2015

Rhode Island Children's Book Award Nominations

2015

Athlete vs. Mathlete W.C. Mack

When their two worlds collide in seventh grade, fraternal twins and opposites Owen and Russell find themselves in direct competition at school, on the court, and at home.

Wonderstruck Brian Selznick

The lives of Rose and Ben, two deaf children growing up 50 years apart, intersect at the American Museum of Natural History. Why is Rose running away? Who is Ben's father? Are their lives connected? Explore the words and the pictures to discover the truth.

2014

The One and Only Ivan Katherine Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

The Great Wall of Lucy Wu Shang Wendy Wan-Long

Eleven-year-old aspiring basketball star and interior designer Lucy Wu is excited about finally having her own bedroom, until she learns that her great-aunt is coming to visit from China and Lucy will have to share a room with her for several months. Will this and her parents forcing her to attend Chinese school bring to an end of her plans for a perfect sixth-grade year

Ungifted Gordon Korman

Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

2012

Liar & Spy Rebecca Stead

Seventh-grader Georges adjusts to moving from a house to an apartment, his father's efforts to start a new business, his mother's extra shifts as a nurse, being picked on at school, and Safer, a boy who wants his help spying on another resident of their building.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda Laurence Yep

Is Origami Yoda real? Or is it just Dwight who is answering everyone's questions with his Origami Yoda? Tommy enlists the help of his classmates, gathering stories and sketches to find out the truth. Tommy needs to know if Origami Yoda is real because he needs to know if he can trust him with a very important question...

2013

Worst of Friends- Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud

Suzanne Tripp Jurmain

These two best friends worked together to help form a new nation, but can they fix their broken friendship?

Touch Blue Cynthia Lord

"Touch Blue and your wish will come true." When the state of Maine plans to shut down her island's schoolhouse, Tess's family may be forced to move to the mainland. Will her luck hold out and her wish come true?

Inside Out & Back Again Thanhha Lai

Based on the author's own life, a ten-year-old girl experiences the culture shock of moving to America from Viet Nam; this story expresses both the humor and heartbreak of this time in her life.

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Rhode Island Children and Teen Book Nominations

2015

Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon Steve Sheinkin

This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb.

Eleanor & Park Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

Steelheart Brandon Sanderson

At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners--the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

Titanic: Voices from Disaster Deborah Hopkinson

Recounts the tragedy of the sinking of the Titanic using the narratives of the witnesses and survivors to the disaster.

Weight of Water Sarah Crossan

As she and her mother move to a crumbling apartment, recent immigrant Kasienka has a difficult transition when girls at school tease her for being different and as well as for her broken English.

2014

Code Name Verity Elizabeth Wein

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and a survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage.

Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip Jordan Sonnenblick
Peter's athletic dreams are shattered by injury, though he becomes a sports photographer gaining insight and equipment from his aging grandfather as well as a new girlfriend.

Drama Raina Telgemeier

With budding relationships everywhere, Callie rides an emotional rollercoaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school theater production. (Graphic novel)

The Final Four Paul Volponi

The final game of college basketball's March Madness is told in deft play-by-play analysis while flashbacks give insight into why the stakes are so high for the players.

Never Fall Down Patricia McCormick

Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond defied the odds and used all of his courage and wits to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge. This is his story

2013

The Berlin Boxing Club Robert Sharenow

In 1936, Ben Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

The Grimm Legacy Polly Shulman

Elizabeth gets a job as a page at a special library. After gaining coveted access to the Grimm Collection, she and the other pages are drawn into a series of frightening adventures.

Okay for Now Gary D. Schmidt

While Doug, a baseball fan, struggles to be more than the thug people think him to be, he finds an unlikely ally in Lil, a library fan, as they explore Audubon's art.

The Running Dream Wendelin Van Draanen

When an accident leaves track star Jessica an amputee, she fights for a way to have fun and find her identity outside of running.

2012

Woods Runner Gary Paulsen

In 1776, Samuel sets out from Pennsylvania to New York to rescue his parents from the British soldiers and Indians who kidnapped them after slaughtering most of their community.

Matched Ally Condie

Cassia always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her, but she begins to question just how *perfect* her world really is.

Before I Fall*Lauren Oliver

After Samantha is swept away in a car crash, she finds herself reliving Friday, February 12, over and over until she gets the day "right." (mature themes)