

My second favorite book is: _____

written by: _____

I like this book because: _____

My third favorite book is: _____

written by: _____

I like this book because: _____



Bluestem Readers

Information Handout and Instructions

About the award

This award is designed for Illinois students in grades 3-5 who are ready for longer titles than found on the Monarch list, but not quite ready for the sophistication of some of the Rebecca Caudill titles. Named in honor of Big Bluestem which is the state prairie grass, the award may include both timeless classics and current titles. Pick up a reading log at any Peoria Public Library location, print one out online, or log your books online at www.peoriapubliclibrary.beanstack.com. Grades 3rd to 5th. Please submit your reading log by February 10, 2023.

How to participate

Inside you will find the 2023 Bluestem Award list. You may read as many of the titles on the list as you like at your own reading pace, but you must read at least 4 books in order to vote. Once you have finished a book, check it off your list. Once you've read as many of the books as you plan to read, write your top three favorite titles on your ballot. Be sure to list them in order. The book you write on the number one line will be the book you are voting for to win the 2023 Bluestem Award. Ballots need to be submitted no later than February 10, 2023. You can turn this form in to any Peoria Public Library location once you're finished. Or, you can participate in the challenge at www.peoriapubliclibrary.beanstack.com

2023 BLUESTEM AWARD LIST

Check the boxes next to the book titles to mark the books that you have read!

Title	Author
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Eva Evergreen: Semi-Magical Witch</i>	Julie Abe
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Spirit of Springer: The Real-Life Rescue of an Orphaned Orca</i>	Amanda Abler
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Last Human</i>	Lee Bacon
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mac B. Kid Spy: Mac Undercover</i>	Mac Barnett
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball</i>	Jen Bryant
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Winterborne Home for Vengeance and Valor</i>	Ally Carter
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Shirley Chisholm is a Verb!</i>	Veronica Chambers
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Losers Club</i>	Andrew Clement
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>A Thousand Questions</i>	Saadia Faruqi
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Amelia Six: An Amelia Earhart Mystery</i>	Kristin L. Gray
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Great Chicago Fire: Rising from the Ashes (History Comics)</i>	Kate Hannigan
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Lion of Mars</i>	Jennifer L. Holm
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Twins</i>	Varian Johnson
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Song for a Whale</i>	Lynne Kelly
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Measuring Up</i>	Lily LaMotte
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Glitch</i>	Laura Martin
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Caterpillar Summer</i>	Gillian McDunn
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Becoming Muhammad Ali</i>	James Patterson & Alexander Kwame
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tune it Out</i>	Jamie Sumner
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre</i>	Carole Boston Weatherford



By turning in this ballot you agree that you read or listened to at least 3 of the books on the 2023 Bluestem Award list. Below, please list, in order, your 3 favorite books and write (or have someone write for you) a 2 sentence review of why you enjoyed this book. Once you're finished turn this in at any Peoria Public Library location by February 10, 2023 for your vote to be submitted or submit this ballot to programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us. The winner of the 2023 Bluestem Award will be announced in March 2023.

My vote for the 2023 Award is: _____

written by: _____

I like this book because: _____
