

**My second favorite book is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**written by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I like this book because:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**My third favorite book is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**written by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I like this book because:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Monarch Readers

## Information Handout and Instructions

### About the award

In the summer of 2002, several past presidents of ISLMA discussed the need for a K-3 children's book award. The ISLMA Board established a work group to investigate creation of such an award. In April 2003, ISLMA approved the establishment and support of the Monarch Award: The Illinois' K-3 Reader's Choice Award. The name Monarch was chosen because of its familiarity to K-3 children and to symbolize the growth, change and freedom that becoming a reader brings. The Monarch is designed to encourage children to read critically and become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. The program is open to all K-3 age children in Illinois.

### How to participate

Inside you will find the 2023 Monarch 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 5 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 Monarch 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](http://www.peoriapubliclibrary.beanstack.com)

# 2023 MONARCH AWARD LIST

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

Title	Author
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Doggo and Pupper</i>	Katherin Applegate
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Are You a Cheeseburger?</i>	Monica Arnaldo
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Milo Imagines the World</i>	Matt de la Peña
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Magical Yet</i>	Angela DiTerlizzi
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Crossings: Extraordinary Structures for Extraordinary Animals</i>	Katy Duffield
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Amira's Picture Day</i>	Reem Faruqi
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Bodies are Cool</i>	Tyler Feder
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Don't Hug Doug (He Doesn't Like It)</i>	Carrie Finison
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Friday Night Wrestlefest</i>	J. F. Fox
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>I See Sea Food: Sea Creatures That Look Like Food</i>	Jenna Grodzicki
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>What About Worms!?</i>	Ryan T. Higgins
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Eyes That Kiss in the Corners</i>	Joanna Ho
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>What If, Pig?</i>	Linzie Hunter
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>The Many Colors of Harpreet Singh</i>	Supriya Kelkar
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>How to Apologize</i>	David LaRochelle
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Lift</i>	Minh Lê
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Saturday</i>	Oge Mora
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Bilal Cooks Daal</i>	Aisha Saeed
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Swish! The Slam-Dunking, Alley-Ooping, High Flying Harlem Globetrotters</i>	Suzanne Slade
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Except Antarctica</i>	Todd Sturgell

## Monarch Readers Ballot

By turning in this ballot you agree that you read or listened to at least 3 of the books on the 2023 Monarch 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](mailto:programmingdept@ppl.peoria.lib.il.us). The winner of the 2023 Monarch Award will be announced in March 2023.

**My vote for the 2023 Award is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**written by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I like this book because:** \_\_\_\_\_

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