

2022 Nutmeg Elementary Award Nominees

If you are entering 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade, read the following nominees for the 2022 Nutmeg Elementary Book Award and vote for your favorite. Find out more about Connecticut's official state children's book award www.nutmegaward.org



J BEG Potter, Ellen [*Big Foot and Little Foot*](#) [700L]
Are humans really as scary as the teachers at the Academy for Curious Squidges say? Hugo the young sasquatch isn't so sure. Boone, the boy he spots while playing hide and sneak, doesn't seem so bad. Join Hugo and Boone as they adventure through the Big Wide World!



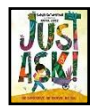
J COMIC Brockington, Drew [*CatStronauts: Mission Moon*](#) [GN410L]
Oh no! The world is running out of power! Can the best space cats on the planet set up a solar power plant on the moon and get the lights back on?



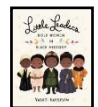
Skeers, Linda [*Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist*](#)
One day, while hunting for fossils on the beach near her home, Mary Anning discovers the bones of a creature that no one has ever seen before. Science will never be the same!



J COMIC Green, John Patrick [*InvestiGATORS*](#) [GN390L]
Will the InvestiGators track down the tricky trail of clues or will the criminals slip through their grasp? Join super-spy alligators Mango and Brash as they go undercover to solve the case!



E PIC Sotomayor, Sonia [*Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You*](#)
Just like the plants in their garden, Sonia and her friends are all different, with different needs, strengths and challenges. By staying curious and learning from each other they all work together to make the world stronger and more interesting. What will you do with your powers?



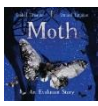
E 920 H Harrison, Vashti [*Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History*](#) [1050L]
Forty one-page biographies of amazing Black women past and present. Facing each is a portrait created by the author in her distinct style. You may know about some of these noteworthy women, and many may be brand new to you!



J BEG Faruqi, Saadia [*Meet Yasmin!*](#) [AD530L]
Meet Yasmin, a Pakistani-American girl with a big imagination and lots of personality. This fun chapter book will take you along on four of Yasmin's adventures as you get to know her and her family. There are even some recipes you can try!



J BEG Humphrey, Anna [*Megabat*](#) [620L]
A new house for Daniel and a surprise in his attic bedroom! It's a little bat far from home. How can Daniel and his new friends help?



E 595.78 T Thomas, Isabel [*Moth: An Evolution Story*](#)
What does it take to survive in nature? Follow the journey of the peppered moth as it adapts to its ever-changing environment over time.



E PIC Quintero, Isabel [*My Papi Has a Motorcycle*](#) [AD750L]
Daisy loves riding around her neighborhood perched behind her Papi on his motorcycle. As they go from street to street she sees all the people and places she loves, from the market to Abuelita's house to Papi's construction site. Come along for the ride!



E PIC Muhammad, Ibtihaj [*The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family*](#) [500L]
Faizah relates how she feels on the first day her sister, sixth-grader Asiya, wears a hijab to school. Faizah thinks it is beautiful and makes her sister look like a princess, but not everyone feels that way.



E 581.467 P Page, Robin [Seeds Move!](#) [750 L]
Before it can become a plant, a seed has to find the perfect place to grow. But how does it get there? It might travel on the wind, on the water, on an animal – even on YOU! There are so many ways that seeds move!



Bulion, Leslie [Superlative Birds](#) [1060L]
Birds may come in all shapes and sizes, but each one is the most, the best, the–est at something! In this collection of poems, learn about those always-fascinating flying creatures – birds!



J 821 A Alexander, Kwame & Kadir Nelson [The Undefeated](#)
A poetic tribute to Black American heroes and regular folks who faced struggles, prejudice and oppression and survived. Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson have created a love letter to the unforgettable, undeniable, unafraid, unbelievable...the undefeated!



J PIC Lindstrom, Carole [We Are Water Protectors](#)
“We come from water,” says Nokomis, the grandmother. But what is the black snake that legend warns will poison the water? And will the people stand together to protect the water?

Annotations adapted from the Nutmeg Award website at www.nutmegaward.org