Meet the 2022 Monarchs!

Presented by the Monarch Committee & AISLE
Who is Who

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- **Readers**
  - Uma Nori
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- **Nominations**
  - Julie Reckamp
  - Rosana Santana
- **Publicity**
  - Michelle Simpson
  - Amy Bendall
What the Monarch Award?

- K-3rd grade choice award
  - Kids pick from a list of 20 books
    - Fiction and nonfiction
    - Picture books, readers, chapter books, and graphic novels
  - Read/listen to 5 books to vote

- Looking for . . . .
  - Kid appeal
  - Literary merit
  - Representation
2022
Monarch Titles
Peter and Ernesto are best friends! Ernesto wants to travel and see the world, but Peter is too scared. What happens when Ernesto leaves Peter behind? Read to find out!

Additional Resources from the Publisher:
https://youtu.be/b5tWTdsCRuM
I Am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes

A story that focuses on the empowerment of young black boys everywhere. This book highlights what black boys can do!

Additional Resources from the Publisher:
https://youtu.be/azN5desiTTM

Additional Resources from the Author:

SumoKitty by David Biedrzycki

An orphan kitten becomes enthralled with sumo wrestling and begins to live with a group of rikishi to keep their heya free of mice.

Additional Resources from the Author:
http://www.davidbiedrzycki.com/#new-page-section

A caterpillar wants to go through metamorphosis, but really does not have the patience for the process. It just wants to turn into a butterfly, right NOW!
Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry

Zuri wants the perfect hairstyle for a big day! Can Daddy come through and help achieve the perfect look?

Additional Resource from the Publisher:
https://youtu.be/f46YdP8I92s

Additional Resource from the Author:
https://youtu.be/kNw8V_Fkw28

https://www.goodreads.com/book/photo/40944115-hair-love
This story talks about how even an unexpected gift, like a lemon tree, can lead to bigger things. The message of making lemonade of lemons receives the book treatment with funny results!
Honeybee: The Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming

Learn about the different stages of life of the honeybee in this beautifully illustrated title.

https://www.goodreads.com/book/photo/42245182-honeybee
In this twist of the popular tale, Federico needs to bring ingredients to Abuelo at his shop, so he can make something tasty. But, he runs into a tricky wolf along the way, who is hungry for something other than pico de gallo.
Every potato in town wants their own pair of pants. They mark their calendars. They count down the days. But when the main potato of our story runs into Eggplant near the store to purchase pants, plans change.
This Way, Charlie! by Caron Levis

A quiet story of an unlikely friendship between a goat, Jack, and a horse, Charlie, at the Open Bud Ranch, where animals get a second chance.

Additional Resource from the Publisher:
https://www.abramsbooks.com/product/this-way-charlie_9781419742064/

Additional Resource from the Author:
https://www.caronlevis.com/

https://www.goodreads.com/book/photo/51250344-this-way-charlie
Fry Bread by Kevin Noble Maillard

Through fry bread, readers are invited to learn how this treat reflects the past and present in Native American culture.

Additional Resource from the Illustrator:
https://juanamartineznear.com/books/frybread/

Additional Resources:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocPwDPiCgs
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGoPq2CeJdw

Ernestine has never gone camping before, and cannot pass up the chance to head out into the wilderness with her Aunt Jackie and cousin Samantha.
Lubna is far from home and finds a friend in Pebble, who she meets when she arrives to the world of tents. Pebble is the only thing that gives her comfort in this strange, new world.

The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali

When the first day of school rolls around, Faizah is so excited that her sister is wearing a hijab. Even when others are cruel, Asiya wears her hijab proudly.

Additional Resource from the Illustrator:
https://vimeo.com/345961238

Picture Book

Juan and Maria are so excited to visit their Abuela to celebrate Las Posadas. But, she lives in Mexico and they live in the United States. How will they see her? How will she get their gifts?

Additional Resource from the Author:
Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag by Rob Sanders

Learn about the LGBTQ+ rights movement through the creation of the rainbow flag.

Additional Resource from the Publisher:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iI29LssHqU4

Additional Resource from the Author:
https://www.robsanderswrites.com/pride

We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell

This book focuses on the four seasons, and what those seasons mean to Cherokee people (and how they recognize that passage of time).

Additional Resource from the Author:
https://www.tracisorell.com/we-are-grateful-otsaliheliga

Additional Resources:

https://www.goodreads.com/book/photo/36711245-we-are-grateful
Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor

In this story, children share mostly medical attributes about themselves, sometimes visible, sometimes not, which makes them different. This story embraces these differences and encourages kids to ask when they don’t understand something.

Additional Resources:
https://www.readingrockets.org/books/interviews/lopez
Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando by Andrea Wang

This is the true story of how instant ramen was invented!

Additional Resource from the Author:
http://andreaywang.com/books/picture-books/magic-ramen/

Additional Resources:

Mia’s world is turned upside down when she receives a special letter in the mail inviting her to attend superhero training. Turns out, she is from a family of superheroes!
Now What?
How Can Public Libraries Get Involved?

Public Libraries can register with AISLE!

- Become a polling place
  - Vote counts if you register with AISLE
- Work with schools
  - Provide extra copies each year
    - We even created classroom sets
  - Giveaways
- Programming
  - Book Clubs
    - Read off the list, win a prize
  - Storytimes based on the titles
Resources

- If you register for 2022 program
  - Guides with STEM and other curriculum connections
  - Bookmarks
  - Ballots
  - Vote counts!

https://www.aisled.org/monarch.htm
How Can I Get Involved?
Nominations

- Accepting until September 15th
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckOPtXGcYwBnv6F1xoDmBK2DCM0APJ007nFY2jxq_nZNoKbQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckOPtXGcYwBnv6F1xoDmBK2DCM0APJ007nFY2jxq_nZNoKbQ/viewform)

- Criteria
  - Must have read the title
  - Published in last 5 years
  - Author and illustrator alive
  - Appeal to age group (K-3)
Interested in Joining?

- **Become a reader**
  - [https://www.aisled.org/monarch_volunteerform.htm](https://www.aisled.org/monarch_volunteerform.htm)

- **Criteria**
  - Working with the age group on a full time basis
  - Public library or school setting
    - Teachers
    - Reading specialists
    - Librarians
  - Make a 3 year commitment

- **After serving three years,**
  can apply for steering committee
  - Nominations
  - Readers
  - Publicity
Reader Responsibilities

● Read and score 10 Monarch books (out of the list of 100)
  ○ Receive assignment last week of October
    ■ Have a month to complete
● Read the list of 50
  ○ Receive list at the beginning of December
    ■ Have two months to complete
● Meet the 2nd Saturday in February
  ○ Present on one book to the group
  ○ Vote
    ■ Need to read book to vote for it
● Final list released in March
Thank you!

Any questions?