



Delaware Diamonds 2022- 2024



The purpose of this award program:

- to encourage young readers in Delaware to become better acquainted with quality literature
- to expose students to recent books
- to honor favorite books and authors
- to broaden students' awareness of literature as a lifelong pleasure

To be eligible to vote, a kindergarten, first, or second grade student must read or listen to 8 of the 12 nominated books. A third through fifth grade student must read or listen to 5 of the 10 nominated books, and a sixth through twelfth grade student must read or listen to 3 of the 10 nominated books.

Consider adding these titles to your summer reading lists!

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Elementary 22-23 Winners	Author(s)
<i>Grades K-2</i> Sloth & Squirrel in a Pickle	Cathy Ballou Mealey and Kelly Collier
<i>Grades 3-5</i> Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom	Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr
Elementary 21-22 Winners	Author(s)
<i>Grades K-2</i> The Old Man and the Penguin	Julie Abery
<i>Grades 3-5</i> Nacho's Nachos	Sandra Nickel

Elementary 23-24 Nominated Books	Author(s)
<i>Grades K-2</i> Annie and Her Tower of Giraffes Beatrice Bly's Rules For Spies The Best Kind of Mooncake Copycat Dear Beast Simon Sleeps Over Hiders Seekers Finders Keepers Itzel and the Ocelot The Little House of Hope The Mess That We Made The Secret Life of the Sea Otter Tad Lincoln's Restless Wriggle What To Do With A Stick	Karlin Gray Sue Fliess Pearl AuYeung Christy Hale Dori Hillestad Butler Jessida Kulekjian Rachel Katstaller Terry Catusus Jennings Michelle Lord Laurence Pringle Beth Anderson Jane Yolen

Grades 3-5 Blast Off! Alicia and the Hurricane Building An Orchestra of Hope Honestly Elliott Hunters of the Lost City Jack Night's Brave Flight The Longest Journey Stacey Abrams Lift Every Voice The Wolves of Yellowstone Your Planet Needs You!	Suzanne Slade Leslea Newman Carmen Oliver Gillian McDunn Kali Wallace Jill Esbaum Amy Hevron Sarah Warren Catherine Barr Philip Bunting
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Elementary 22-23 Nominated Books	Author(s)
Grades K-2 Aaron Slater, Illustrator Arnold the Super-ish Hero Big Foot and Little Foot, The Bog Beast Exquisite Flip! How the Frisbee Took Flight Kiyoshi's Walk My Story Friend My Words Flew Away Like Birds Pura's Cuentos Sloth & Squirrel In a Pickle Sounds All Around They're So Flamboyant	Andrea Beaty Heather Tekavec & Guillaume Perreault Ellen Potter Suzanne Slade Margaret Muirhead Mark Karlins Kalli Dakos Debora Pearson Annette Bay Pimentel Cathy Ballou Mealey & Kelly Collier Susan Hughes Michael Genhart
Grades 3-5 Above the Rim Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom Butterfly for a King The Lion of Mars Mimic Makers Pigskins to Paintbrushes Rescuing Titanic The Strangest Thing in the Sea Walking for Water What Comes Next	Jen Bryant Matthew Swanson & Robbi Behr Susan L. Roth & Cindy Trumbore Jennifer Holm Kristen Nordstrom Don Tate Flora Delargy Rachel Poliquin Susan Hughes Bob Buyea

Secondary 22-23 Winner	Author(s)
You've Reached Sam	Dustin Thao
Secondary 21-22 Winner	Author(s)
Guts	Raina Telgemeier

Secondary 23-24 Nominated Books	Author(s)
Turtle in Paradise Sara and the Search for Normal The Door of No Return Button Pusher Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown The Inheritance Games Promise Boys Gallant Girl Forgotten I Must Betray You	Jennifer L. Holm Wesley King Kwame Alexander Tyler Page Steve Sheinkin Jennifer Lynn Barnes Nick Brooks V. E. Schwab April Henry Ruta Sepetys
Secondary 22-23 Nominated Books	
Ground Zero Cold War Correspondent The Puppet's Payback and Other Chilling Tales Lila and Hadley The Mysterious Disappearance of Aidan S. (as told to his brother) They'll Never Catch Us Beasts of Prey Anatomy: A Love Story You've Reached Sam Manning Up	Alan Gratz Nathan Hale Mary Downing Hahn Kody Keplinger David Levithan Jessica Goodman Ayana Gray Dana Schwartz Dustin Thao Bee Walsh