



# Delaware Diamonds 2024- 2025



*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 23-24 Winners	Author(s)
<p><i>Grades K-2</i>            Dear Beast: Simon Sleeps Over</p>	Dori Hillestad Butler
<p><i>Grades 3-5</i>            The Wolves of Yellowstone</p>	Catherine Barr

Elementary 24-25 Nominated Books	Author(s)
<p><b><i>Grades K-2</i></b>            Animal Myths            Building A Dream            Daddy Dressed Me            Home Is Calling            How Birds Sleep            Ice Cream Man            Just Snow Already!            Kaboom! A Volcano Erupts            A Llama Is Not an Alpaca            Stanley's Secret            Super Gross Night Creatures!            Zap! Clap! Boom!</p>	Mary Holland Darshana Khiani Michael Gardner & Ava Gardner Katherine Pryor Sarah Pedry & David Obushowski Glenda Armand & Kim Freeman Howard McWilliam Jessica Kulekjian Karen Jameson John Sullivan Maria Le Laura Purdie Salas
<p><b><i>Grades 3-5</i></b>            Champion Chompers, Super Stinkers            The Cricket War            The Day the River Caught Fire            The Forest Keeper            How Do Meerkats Order Pizza?            Lion On the Inside</p>	Lina Ashman Tho Pham & Sandra McTavish Barry Wittenstein Rina Singh Brooke Barker Bilqis Abdul-Qaadir & Judith Henderson

Montgomery and the Case of the Golden Key Tenacious Patty Traveling Shoes Whale Fall	Tracy Ocomy Crowder Cisneros Prevo Alice Faye Duncay Melissa Stewart
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<b>Secondary 23-24 Winner</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>
Turtle in Paradise: The Graphic Novel	Jennifer L. Holm, illustrated by Savanna Ganucheau

<b>Secondary 24-25 Nominated Books</b>	<b>Author(s)</b>
The In-Between	Katie Van Heidrich
Once There Was	Kiyash Monsef
Sunshine	Jarrett J. Krosoczka
The Sky We Shared	Shirley Reva Vernick
Shipwrecked! Diving for Hidden Time Capsules on the Ocean Floor	Martin Sandler
The Davenports	Krystal Marquis
Gather	Kenneth M. Cadow
Stars and Smoke	Marie Lu
Thieves Gambit	Kayvion Lewis
Throwback	Maurene Goo