February 2, 2021

The Camellia Children’s Choice Award is Alabama’s book award program in which the winners are selected by popular vote of students who have read or listened to the books. We have five categories for the award: (1) Books for Kindergarten – 1st grade, (2) Books for Grades 2-3, (3) Books for Grades 4-5, (4) Books for Grades 4-5 Nonfiction, and (5) Books for Grades 6-8. We are considering a division for young adults based on the number of submissions received.

We are inviting you to submit for consideration any titles published in 2019, 2020, or that will publish by May 1, 2021. You may send all titles to the attention of Susan Zana, and the titles will be provided to the selection committee. Multiple copies are appreciated.

Books will be sorted by readability and interest levels unless you indicate a preferred division. Books may be submitted for consideration in multiple divisions as long as copies are provided for each division and you communicate your intention for the book to be considered in multiple divisions.

Top Ten nominees are selected by a committee of Alabama librarians and educators, who will review and select their favorite titles in each division. These ten titles in each division will be read by Alabama students, who will vote for their one favorite book. Winners will be announced in June of 2022 at the annual conference of the Alabama School Library Association.

If you have questions or comments, please direct them to me by calling 334-694-4995 or emailing susan.zana@alsde.edu. Books should be shipped to the following address by May 1, 2021:

Susan Zana, Instructional Services
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Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to reading your submissions.

Sincerely,
Susan Zana
Alabama Camellia Children’s Choice Book Award Coordinator