



BEVERLY CLEARY CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD

21st Year!

Dear Teachers, School Library and Public Library Staff,

Please encourage your students in schools and public libraries across the United States to participate in voting for *their favorite 2023-2024 BCCCA nominated title!* Readers with *reading levels of K-5th* grades who have read or listened to *at least two* of the nominated books may vote for their one favorite title. **The BCCCA voting cycle opens on March 15th and ends on April 10th, 2024 at 6 PM!**

To promote this contest, use the BCCCA homepage <https://ola.memberclicksnet/bccca-home>.

- Show readers the animoto, slideshow and/or the short video clips that accompany these nominees. The **2023-2024 BCCCA Slide Deck** with educational links on this year's seven BCCCA Nominees and the **Animoto** can be found at <https://ola.memberclicks.net/bccca-nominees>.
- Read aloud as many of this year's seven nominations as possible.
- Remind readers that as long as they've read or listened to TWO or more of the BCCCA nominations, each of them can vote for **their one very favorite title**. Readers need to realize that they need to finish at least 2 of the books by the date that the adult administering the BCCCA program chooses to end the contest.

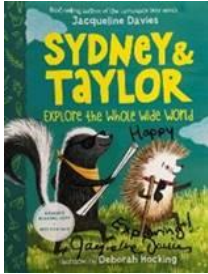
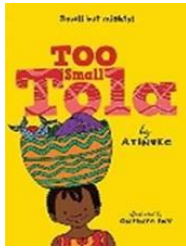
Voting Information: <https://ola.memberclicks.net/bccca-how-to-vote>

The **2023-24 Student Paper Ballot** is available at
at <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1A2okX81-BUZfON7di5XnABb3ODbPpXqB/view>

Official voting: School librarians, public librarians, and/or teachers will tally votes, and then enter the *final* voting tallies for their building using the Adult Online Submission Form. **This form will be available on March 15, 2024.** (*Students do not enter their votes online.*) Adults, please submit your building's tally forms by **6PM on April 10, 2024.**

Spine labels, flyer and bookmarks can be found on <https://olamemberclicks.net/bccca-support-materials>

Announcing the 2023-2024 BCCCA Nominees.....



***Too Small Tola* by Atinuke.**

Three delightful stories about Too Small Tola, a young girl who, though small, is very determined. Tola lives in a flat in Lagos, Nigeria with her sister, Moji, who is very clever; her brother, Dapo, who is very fast; and Grandmummy, who is very bossy. Tola proves to be stronger than she seems when she goes to market with Grandmummy!

***Aven Green Sleuthing Machine* (Aven Green #1) by Dusti Bowling.**

Third-grader Aven Green has been solving mysteries for a *whole month*—cracking such cases as *The Mystery of the Cranky Mom*. But can this perceptive detective solve two cases at the same time? First her teacher's lunch bag disappears and then Aven's great-grandma's dog goes missing. Fortunately, since Aven was born without arms, all the "arm" cells went to her super-powered brain instead.

***Geraldine Pu and Her Lunch Box, Too!* by Maggie P. Chang.**

Meet spunky, funny, and friendly Geraldine Pu as she takes on a bully and makes a new friend. Geraldine Pu's favorite part of school is lunch. She loves her lunch box, which she calls Biandang. She can't wait to see what her grandmother, Amah, has packed inside it each day. Then one day, Geraldine gets stinky tofu...and an unexpected surprise. What will she do?

***Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World* by Jacqueline Davies.**

The story of two unlikely friends: Sydney and Taylor, a skunk and a hedgehog who strike out to discover the great unknown, despite how afraid they are of it.

***Maybe Maybe Marisol Rainey* by Erin Entrada Kelly.**

Marisol Rainey's mother was born in the Philippines. Marisol's father works and lives part-time on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. And Marisol, who has a big imagination and likes to name inanimate objects, has a tree in her backyard she calls Peppina . . . but she's way too scared to climb it. This all makes Marisol the only girl in her small Louisiana town with a mother who was born elsewhere and a father who lives elsewhere (most of the time)—the only girl who's fearful of adventure and fun. Will Marisol be able to salvage her summer and have fun with Jada, her best friend? Maybe.

***Jo Jo Makoons: The Used-To-Be Best Friend* by Dawn Quigley.**

Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. It always seems like her mom, her kokum (grandma), and her teacher have a lot to learn.

Back-To-School Blitz (*Twins vs Triplets #1*) by Jennifer Torres.

Peace-loving David gets stuck in the middle of a prank war when his neighbors—the Romero Twins and the Benitez Triplets—vie for playground domination!

Keep on Reading!

Warmly,

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