

Proposal 1977-1978

The Texas Children's Book Award Planning Committee presents the following proposal:

It is recommended that a children's book award be established in the state of Texas, jointly sponsored by Texas Library Association's Children's Round Table (CRT) and Texas Association of School Librarians (TASL). Children in Grades 3-6 would annually select a favorite book from a Master List of 15-20 titles. Voter eligibility would be based on a minimum of 5 books. The selective Master List, reflecting both literary quality and wide variety (both fiction and nonfiction) would be composed of titles published within the last 3 years.

The award program would be administered by a committee of 7, composed of members of CRT and TASL. The first award would be presented in the Spring of 1981. Voting would take place each January in the schools. The new Master List would be released to both school and public libraries each February. An award ceremony would be held each Spring at the TLA conference.

The committee suggests that the award be named the Texas Bluebonnet Award. A suitable logo would be selected from designs submitted in the Fall of 1979 by children of Texas in grades 3-6.