

OTTER 3rd Grade Reading Challenge 2026

Our Time To Enjoy Reading



The OTTER Award



Announcing the 2026 WLA OTTER Award Nominees

The OTTER Award – Our Time To Enjoy Reading – is sponsored by the Washington Library Association: School Libraries Division. Established in 2015, the committee is pleased to announce the 2025-2026 nominated titles.

Bibsy Cross and the Bad Apple by Liz Garton Scanlon Bailey, illustrated by Dung Ho (Knopf Books for Young Readers / Penguin Random House)

First Day, Worst Day (The Very Worst Ever, Book 1) by Andy Nonamus, illustrated by Amy Jindra (Little Simon / Simon & Schuster)

Orris and Timble: The Beginning By Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Carmen Mok (Candlewick)

Shermy & Shake, the Not-So-Nice Neighbor by Kirby Larson, illustrated by Shinja Fujioka (Candlewick)

Welcome to Scare School (Scare School Diaries 1) by Jarrett Lerner (Aladdin / Simon & Schuster)

Wildfire Rescue: A Branches Book (Disaster Squad #1) by Rekha S. Rajan, illustrated by Courtney Lovett (Scholastic)

How to participate: (Challenge runs from now until June)

Step 1: **Read** or **Listen** to one or more of the books above and most importantly **ENJOY!**

Step 2: Fill out an OTTER ticket from the library and have a book talk with your teacher, Mrs. Edwards, or Mrs. Morse

Step 3: Turn your OTTER ticket into Mrs. Edwards or Mrs. Morse in the library

Prizes:

1 Book: For each book you read, your name gets entered in a drawing to win a stuffed animal otter in June

3+ Books: Backpack charm with beads representing each book you've read.

6 Books: Your name hung up in our library on our "OTTER Finishers" Wall!

Email Mrs. Edwards edwardsha@mukilteo.wednet.edu with any questions!