

The 3 Apples Book Award

A New York State Children's Choice Award

Mission Statement



The 3 Apples Book Award has been developed to encourage the joy of reading for pleasure, and to give the children and teens of New York State the opportunity to participate in the honoring of their favorite books.

It is co-sponsored by the Youth Services and School Library Media Sections of the New York Library Association, which together represent the public and school libraries of the state.

Each year children in grades 3-6 (ages 8-12) and teens in grades 7-12 (ages 12+) nominate their favorite book, creating a statewide ballot of fifteen of the most popular titles. After reading or listening to at least three of the nominated books, the children vote to select one as their favorite. That book and its author are honored with the presentation of the 3 Apples Book Award, and celebrations take place across the state in school and public libraries.

The 3 Apples Book Award is a joint program of the Youth Services (YSS) and School Library Media (SLMS) Sections of the New York State Library Association (NYLA).

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