

About Iowa Teen Award

Early teens in Iowa, grades 6-9, are encouraged to participate in the Iowa Teen Award program. Participating students read books from an annual list of books and vote for their favorite title.

Participating schools are urged to own at least a majority of the titles listed. We do not, however, recommend that every school necessarily purchase every book on the list. Selection must be based on the individual school's selection policy. Brief annotations and review sources for each book are easily found online or through review journals and will help you in selecting those titles which are appropriate for, and meet the needs of your students and community.

From August through April, ask students to read as many books from the list as they like. Students who read at least two books from the list are eligible to vote for the one they think should be this year's Iowa Teen Award winner. The total number of votes for the building and/or district are tallied by the sponsoring teacher librarian/teacher. The total number of votes for every book are due by April 10. These votes are tallied state wide and the book with the most votes is declared the Iowa Teen Award winner for that year.

Vote tallies, starting in 2008, will be done online. Watch for instructions on the Iowa Teen Award web site

We hope that the IEMA Iowa Teen Award program will stimulate the interest of young teens in literature written for them. The committee looks forward to working with you and welcomes your comments and suggestions. For these and other questions you may have, please contact someone on committee.

