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Subject: Message #108: Charlie May Simon and Diamond Primary Book Awards

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From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Educators,

The Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas State Library, and the Arkansas Reading Association are pleased to announce the results of the voting for the 2015-2016 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award and the 2015-2016 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. Almost 59,000 ballots have been cast and the results have been tabulated. The choice of the voting students is as follows:

Charlie May Simon

The Boy on the Porch by Sharon Creech, published by HarperCollins/Coulter, is the winner of the 2015-2016 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award.

Prisoner 88 by Leah Pileggi, published by Charlesbridge, is the Honor Book for the 2015-2016 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award.

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan, published by Penguin/Dial, came in third place for the 2015-2016 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award.

Three schools had 100% participation of eligible students in the voting: Mountainburg Elementary, Ouachita Elementary and St. Boniface Catholic School.

Arkansas Diamond

The Day the Crayons Quit written by Drew Daywalt and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers, published by Penguin/Philomel, is the winner of the 2015-2016 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award.

Please share this information with others that might be interested. Thank you for serving the students of Arkansas.

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The Very Inappropriate Word written by Jim Tobin and illustrated by Dave Coverly, published by Henry Holt, is the Honor Book for the 2015-2016 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award.

Otis and the Puppy written and illustrated by Loren Long, published by Penguin/Philomel, came in third place for the 2015-2016 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award.

Sixteen schools had 100% participation of eligible students in the voting: Bearden Elementary, Brookland Elementary, Caldwell Elementary, Center Valley Elementary, Crawford Elementary, Fairview Elementary, G.R. Taylor Elementary, Glenn Duffy Elementary, Landmark Elementary, Langston Elementary, Magazine Elementary, Nevada Elementary, Park Magnet School, Reagan Elementary, Southwood Elementary, and Williams Elementary.

Both awards are under the sponsorship of the Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas State Library, and the Arkansas Reading Association, with support from other cooperating organizations. For more information about the Charlie May Simon and Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Awards, contact Cassandra Barnett, Program Advisor for School Libraries, Arkansas Department of Education, Cassandra.barnett@arkansas.gov or Cathy Howser, Coordinator of Children's & Institutional Programs, Arkansas State Library, cathy@library.arkansas.gov.

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