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From: Arkansas Department of Education Curriculum and Instruction Unit

Dear Arkansas Curriculum Leaders:

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) and the Arkansas State Library are pleased to announce the annual selection process for a book to receive the Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award and the Charlie May Simon Book Award. The deadline for voting is midnight May 6, but ballot totals may be submitted at any time prior to May 6. Winning titles will be posted in May, 2016.

The book to receive the Diamond Primary Book Award will be selected in May by students in kindergarten, first, second, and third grades. It is hoped that students in the schools have been participating in reading the books and that teachers and library media specialists have selected some titles for reading aloud. Please note that children in Grades K-3 must have read or heard at least three of the books from the 2015-2016 lists in order to vote. Students may vote for only one title.

The Charlie May Simon (CMS) Book Award is selected by children in Grades 4, 5 and 6. Please note that in order to vote, students must have read or heard at least three of the books from the 2015-2016 lists.

Ballots for both the Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award and the Charlie May Simon Book Award to be reproduced by the school and used by the students to vote are available on the hoorayforbooks wiki. The votes should then be tallied in each school and totals of each title entered into the Survey Monkey ballot. Links to the Survey Monkey ballots, reading lists for the 2016-2017 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award and the Charlie May Simon Book Award, all rules, and student ballot forms can be found at [http://hoorayforbooks.pbworks.com/w/page/51317492/Simon and Diamond Book Awards](http://hoorayforbooks.pbworks.com/w/page/51317492/Simon%20and%20Diamond%20Book%20Awards).

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