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Subject: Message #9: Information regarding the Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award and the Charlie May Simon Book Award

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To: adecurriculum@lists.state.ar.us

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 May 8, but ballot totals may be submitted at any time prior to May 8. Winning titles will be posted in May 2015.

The book to receive the Diamond Primary Book Award will be selected 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 2014-2015 lists in order to vote. Students may vote for only one title.

Because of the age group involved in the Diamond Primary Book Award, the teachers or library media specialists may wish to devise a plan for helping the children vote on the books. The reading committee suggests reading all the books to the children in a condensed amount of time and then asking them to vote, or, if the books have been read over an extended period of time, reviewing the books before voting.

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 2014-2015 lists.

All rules, student ballot forms, directions for submitting student voting totals on Survey Monkey, lists of next year's titles, and other forms can be found at <http://hoorayforbooks.pbworks.com/w/page/51317492/Simon%20and%20Diamond%20Book%20Awards>.

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