The Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee: 50 Years Strong

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History

• The Coretta Scott King Book Awards was founded in 1969 by Mabel McKissick and Glyndon Greer.
• In 1979, the Coretta Scott King Task Force was formed and became part of ALA’s Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) the next year. In 1982, the Coretta Scott King Book Awards became an officially recognized ALA award.
• The Coretta Scott King Task Force joined ALA’s Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT) in 2003 and became the Coretta Scott Book Awards Committee.
Coretta Scott King Book Awards

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.
Coretta Scott King Book Awards

The award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood.
First Author Award

The first CSK Book Award was given to Lillie Patterson in 1970 for her biography, *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace* (Garrard).
First Illustrator Award

The first CSK Book Award for Illustration was given to George Ford in 1974 for the book *Ray Charles*, written by Sharon Bell Mathis (Crowell).
Reflecting, Connecting, and Affirming

- CSK Award-winning books offer authentic stories featuring diverse characters
- CSK Award-winning books affirm, inspire, connect and challenge children
Reflecting, Connecting, and Affirming

- CSK Award-winning books showcase African-American children’s book creators and model for kids that writing children’s books is a dream they can have too.

- CSK Award-winning books celebrate “universal human values”
Coretta Scott King Book Awards

- Author Award
- Illustrator Award
- John Steptoe New Talent Award
- Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement
- The Coretta Scott King Book Donation Grant
2019 Award-Winning Books

A Few Red Drops
Claire Hartfield

Stuff of Stars

Mondays Are Not Coming
Nancy Moroney

Thank You, Omu!
Ade Mowo

Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop
Sandra Steen

Finding Langston
Lesa Cline-Ransome

The Season of Styx Malone
Kayla Magoon

The Parker Inheritance
Varian Johnson

Hidden Figures

Let the Children March
Monica Carter
Educational Resources

- Coretta Scott King Discussion Guides
- Coretta Scott King Illustrations Gallery
- Coretta Scott King Award Books Discussion Guide: Pathways to Democracy
- TeachingBooks.net (CSK Curricular Resource Center)
- Resources from Publishers (Lee & Low Books)
Using CSK Award-Winning Books

- K-12 Curriculum Daily
- Black History Month
- National African American Read-In
- Coretta Scott King’s Birthday (April 27)
- One Book, One Community
- Book Displays
Using CSK Award-Winning Books

- Book Clubs
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Art & Music Events
- Community Readers Day
- Author Study Centers
- Mock CSK Programs
Aligning Coretta Scott King Award-Winning Books with National and State Standards
Standards

- Common Core State Standards
- National Council for the Social Studies
- National Standards & Grade-Level Outcomes for K-12 Physical Education
- Pre-K to Grade 12 Gifted Programming Standards (National Association for Gifted Children)
- North Carolina Essential Standards
- South Carolina Department of Education: Standards & Learning
Social Studies, History (3rd Grade)

**Standard:** Understand how events, individuals, and ideas have influenced the history of local and regional communities.

**Objective:** Analyze the impact of contributions made by diverse historical figures in local communities and regions over time.
Key Ideas and Details:

- Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.
Visual Arts (5th Grade)

**Standard**: Understand the global, historical, societal, and cultural contexts of the visual arts.

**Objective**: Understand how the visual arts have affected, and are reflected in, the culture, traditions, and history of the United States.
Science, Ecosystems (Grade 3)

**Standard**: Understand how plants survive in their environments.

**Objective**: Explain how environmental conditions determine how well plants survive and grow.
Dance (Grade 2)

**Standard**: Use a variety of thinking skills to analyze and evaluate dance.

**Objective**: Use words or images to describe possible meanings observed in dance.
Celebrating 50th Years of Excellence

2019 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards! The Coretta Scott King Book Awards has made a name for itself within the library and book industry with titles that celebrate the black experience for today's youth.
Fifty States Celebrating the 50th Anniversary (The 50-50 Initiative)

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee, the CSK Program Committee is challenging librarians, educators, and all lovers of children’s literature across the nation to hold one or more programs, classes, presentations, speeches, etc., highlighting the committee, award-winning books, authors, or illustrators in each of the 50 states.
Fifty States Celebrating the 50th Anniversary (The 50-50 Initiative)

If you accept this challenge, please email Alan Bailey, CSK Chair Elect & Chair of the Programming Committee, and cc diversity@ala.org so your state will be recognized for participating in the 50-50 Initiative.
Fifty States Celebrating the 50th Anniversary (The 50-50 Initiative)

Would you like to host a program or event but do not know where to begin? Simply contact Alan Bailey and he and the members of the Program Committee will help you create one.
Celebrating the 50th Anniversary in Washington, DC

- 50th Anniversary Gala (Friday, June 21, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m.)

- Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement – Practitioner (Saturday, June 22, 2019, 6:00-7:30 p.m.)

- Coretta Scott King Annual Awards Breakfast (Sunday, June 23, 2019, 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.)
How to Join a Standing Committee

- Join American Library Association
- Join the Ethnic & Multicultural Information Exchange Round Table (EMIERT)
- Complete the CSK Volunteer Form
- Committee Chair will review the forms and appoint volunteers to committees as needed
How to Join a CSK Jury

• Complete and submit a detailed volunteer application
• Nominating Committee will review applications
• Nominating Committee will select candidates for the CSK Book Award Jury & Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement Jury ballots
• EMIERT members will elect jury members through the general membership voting process
Getting Involved in the Coretta Scott King Book Awards Committee

• Getting Involved

• Volunteer for a Committee

• Membership Brochure
Discussion & Questions