What it is and how to use it in your classroom or library!
A Simple Explanation

• Lets the children of Mississippi nominate and vote for their favorite books!
• Must be published within the last two years.
• Nominations by adults & children.
• Voting by children only.
• Categories: K-2nd, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th
Who Can Participate & How

Teachers and Librarians (all types)
- As voting coordinators
- Serving on selection and executive committees.

Youth
- Voting through the coordinator
- Suggesting titles

Interested in serving on a selection committee? Email our Vice President! Venetia Oglesby: venetia.oglesby@lowndes.k12.ms.us
Understanding The Timeline

For developing the upcoming 2015 nominations list:

- Suggestions taken until September 30, 2013.
- Finalized list of perspective nominees by October 31, 2013.
- The selection committees read nominations between November and December.
- The final list of nominees will be announced by January 15, 2014 on the webpage (http://www.usm.edu/childrens-book-festival/magnolia-award), MLA’s list serv, and other appropriate locations.

For selecting the winners:

- Voting for the award will always take place in February.
- Winners are announced at the Fay B. Kaigler Children’s Book Festival in April.
- A celebration is held at the Mississippi Children’s Museum in October.
How to Vote

- Voting is done during the month of February through Survey Monkey.
- Votes are cast by children who have been exposed to at least half and preferably all of the titles in their category.
- Voting is done at schools, libraries, or other approved locations.
- Each location should have **one person** responsible for votes from that location. Separate ballots are done for each category, so one site may have several categories.
- How votes are conducted is decided by each location.
- Voting results can be held until voting opens in February.
Last Year’s Winners

K - 2nd:
Hot Rod Hamster by Cynthia Lord, illustrated by Derek Anderson

3rd - 5th:
Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading by Tommy Greenwald

6th - 8th:
Countdown by Deborah Wiles
This Year’s Nominees

This is full listing of this year’s nominees but for the sake of time, you’ll be getting brief previews of some and details of others. Our website has information from this session and extension activity handout.
K-2\textsuperscript{nd} Category : 2014 Nominees
Big Mean Mike
By Michelle Knudson
Creepy Carrots
By Aaron Reynolds
Oh, No!
By Candace Fleming
Nothing Like A Puffin

By Sue Soltis
Pete the Cat
Rocking in My School Shoes
By Eric Litwin
The Princess and the Pig

By Jonathan Emmett
Shoebox Sam
By Mary Brigid Barrett
3rd – 5th Category : 2014 Nominee

- The Art of Miss Chew
- The Book of Blood
- It's a Dog's Life
Eight Keys
By Suzanne LaFleur

Study Guide:
http://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice/3-5th-study-guides-2014-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VAP5DkukzR0
Ellray Jakes Walks the Plank!

By Sally Warner
Glory Be

By Augusta Scattergood
Mousenet
By Prudence Breitrose
PIE
By Sarah Weeks
6th – 8th Category : 2014 Nominees
Divergent
By Veronica Roth

DIVERGENT
ONE CHOICE CAN TRANSFORM YOU
A MAJOR MOTION PICTURE IN THEATERS MARCH 2014

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
VERONICA ROTH
Liar & Spy
By Rebecca Stead
A Monster Calls

By Patrick Ness
Saving Zasha

By Randi Barrow
9th – 12th Category : Upcoming!

Keep on the lookout and put in your name now to be on the selection committee for this age group! Prime your teens by discussing possible nominations for the 2015 year. Utilize the process as a way to create projects for your English/Reading/Library classes, such as booktalks or prezi’s.
Questions?