Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice (LYRC) Awards Program
2020-2021 Nominated Titles

Grades 3-5:

- All That Trash: The Story of the 1987 Garbage Barge and Our Problem with Stuff written and illustrated by Meghan McCarthy (Simon & Schuster)
- The Art of the Swap by Kristine Asselin and Jen Malone (Aladdin)
- Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery by Sandra Neil Wallace, illustrated by Bryan Collier (Simon & Schuster)
- The Boo-Boos That Changed the World: A True Story About an Accidental Invention (Really!) by Barry Wittenstein, illustrated by Chris Hsu (Charlesbridge)
- Charlie and Frog (Book #1) by Karen Kane (Disney-Hyperion)
- Chester Nez and the Unbreakable Code: A Navajo Code Talker’s Story by Joseph Bruchac, illustrated by Liz Amini-Holmes (Albert Whitman & Company)
- Counting on Katherine: How Katherine Johnson Saved Apollo 13 by Helaine Becker, illustrated by Tiemdow Phumiruk (Henry Holt and Co.)
- Dear Sister by Alison McGhee, illustrated by Joe Bluhm (Atheneum)
- Fly to the Rescue (Tiny Geniuses: Book 1) by Megan E. Bryant (Scholastic)
- Hammering for Freedom by Rita Lorraine Hubbard, illustrated by John Holyfield (Lee & Low)
- Max Einstein: The Genius Experiment (Book #1) by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein, illustrated by Beverly Johnson (Jimmy Patterson)
- The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl by Stacy McAnulty (Random House)
- The Phantom Tower by Keir Graff (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
- Saving Fiona: The Story of the World’s Most Famous Baby Hippo by Thane Maynard (HMH)
- Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohmann (Schwartz & Wade)

Grades 6-8:

- The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden (Sky Pony)
- Boy Bites Bug by Rebecca Petruck (Harry N. Abrams)
- City of Ghosts by Victoria Schwab (Scholastic)
- Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald (Harry N. Abrams)
- Love Like Sky by Leslie C. Youngblood (Disney-Hyperion)
- Marcus Vega Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya (Viking)
- The Night Diary by Veera Hiranandani (Kokila)
- They Serpent’s Secret (Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond #1) by Sayantani DasGupta (Scholastic)
- *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden (G.P. Putnam's Sons)
- *So Done* by Paula Chase (Greenwillow Books)
- *The Storm Runner, Book 1* by J.C. Cervantes (Rick Riordan Presents)
- *Tight* by Torrey Maldonado (Nancy Paulsen)

**Grades 9-12 (Teen):**

- *The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton (Freeform)
- *The Cruel Prince (The Folk of the Air: Book 1)* by Holly Black (Little, Brown Books)
- *Dry* by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman (Simon & Schuster)
- *Hey, Kiddo* by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (Graphix)
- *The Lying Woods* by Ashley Elston (Disney-Hyperion)
- *The Poet X* by Elizabeth Acevedo (HarperTeen)
- *Price of Duty* by Todd Strasser (Simon & Schuster)
- *Pride* by Ibi Zoboi (Balzer + Bray)
- *Sadie* by Courtney Summer (Wednesday Books)
- *The Summer of Jordi Perez (And the Best Burger in Los Angeles)* by Amy Spalding (Sky Pony)

For information about the program including previous winners, how to participate and additional resources such as free bookmarks, posters, and study guides, please visit the Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice Program webpage.