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CHILDREN AND TEENS VOTE FOR FAVORITE BOOK AT THEIR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Voting is currently underway at all Delaware public libraries to select the winners of the 14th annual Blue Hen Book Award, sponsored by the Children's Services Division of the Delaware Library Association. The Blue Hen Award promotes reading and library use in children and teens. Youth Services Librarians from Delaware public libraries have nominated five (5) books published within the last two years in the following categories: Picture Book, Chapter Book and Teen Fiction. Children who read all the nominated books in a category then vote for their favorite.

Nominees for the 2010 Blue Hen Book Award

Picture Book category:

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever by Marla Frazee

Fancy Nancy's Favorite Fancy Words by Jane O'Connor

Hidden Hippo by Joan Gannij

The Pigeon Wants a Puppy by Mo Willems

Zen Ties by Jon J. Muth

Chapter Book category:

Diamond Willow by Helen Frost

Kenny and the Dragon by Tony DiTerlizzi

Nightmare at the Book Fair by Dan Gutman

Seer of Shadows by Avi

Tracking Daddy Down by Marybeth Kelsey

Teen Fiction category:

Ever by Gail Carson Levine

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Rapunzel's Revenge by Shannon and Dean Hale

Unwind by Neal Shusterman

The nominated books and ballots are available at all Delaware public libraries. Voting will end August 31, 2009; the 2010 Blue Hen Book Award winners will be announced Saturday, November 7, 2009.

Last year's Blue Hen Book Award winners were *Ivan the Terrier* by Peter Catalanotto (Picture Book), *No Talking* by Andrew Clements (Chapter Book), and *Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac* by Gabrielle Zevin (Teen Fiction)

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