This week the American Library Association announced the 2018 book awards for young adults and children.

The young adult honors include the Edwards Award, which honors an author that has made a significant contribution to YA literature over the course of their lifetime; the Morris Award for the best book by a previously unpublished author; the Nonfiction Award; the Odyssey Award for the best young adult audiobook; and the Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature. Read more about the winners below and stop by the library to check out one of these titles.

**Edwards Award:** Angela Johnson  
**Morris Award:** The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas  
**Nonfiction Award:** Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers by Deborah Heiligman  
**Odyssey Award:** The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas, narrated by Bahni Turpin  
**Printz Award:** We Are Okay by Nina LaCour

The awards for children’s books include the Newbery Medal, the Caldecott Medal, and the Coretta Scott King Book Awards.

The Newbery Medal is known as being the most prestigious prize in children’s literature. The 2018 John Newbery Medal winner was Hello, Universe written by Erin Entrada Kelly. Recommended for ages 9 and up, Hello, Universe is a wonderful novel about friendship and self-acceptance, told from the perspective of four different kids.

There were also three Newbery Honor books named: Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut, written by Derrick Barnes and illustrated by Gordon C. James; Long Way Down, written by Jason Reynolds; and Piecing Me Together, written by Renee Watson.

The Caldecott Medal honors the illustrator of the best American picture book of the year. This year’s winner is Wolf in the Snow, illustrated and written by Matthew Cordell. This nearly wordless picture book tells the story of a girl and a wolf cub, both lost in a blizzard, who help each other survive and find their way back to their respective families. Recommended for ages 2-6, Wolf in the Snow was named a Best Book of 2017 by a number of publications and media outlets, including The Boston Globe and National Public Radio.

Four Caldecott Honor Books were also named: Big Cat, little cat, illustrated and written by Elisha Cooper; Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut, illustrated by Gordon C. James,
written by Derrick Barnes; *A Different Pond*, illustrated by Thi Bui, written by Bao Phi; and *Grand Canyon*, illustrated and written by Jason Chin.

The **Coretta Scott King Book Awards** honor African American authors and illustrators of distinguished books for children and young adults. The 2018 King Author Award winner is *Piecing Me Together*, written by Renée Watson. The 2018 King Illustrator Award winner is *Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets*, illustrated by Ekua Holmes, written by Kwame Alexander with Chris Colderly and Marjory Wentworth.

Other children’s and young adult honors include the **Schneider Family Book Awards** for books that reflect the disability experience, the **Sibert Medal** for informational books, and the **Stonewall Book Award–Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children’s & Young Adult Literature Award** for books relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender experience.

**Schneider Family Book Award:**
- For young children (ages 0 to 8): *Silent Days, Silent Dreams*, written and illustrated by Allen Say
- For middle grades (ages 9-13): *Macy McMillan and the Rainbow Goddess*, written by Shari Green
- For teens (ages 14-18): *You’re Welcome, Universe*, written and illustrated by Whitney Gardner

**Sibert Informational Book Award** for most distinguished informational book for children: *Twelve Days in May: Freedom Ride 1961*, written by Larry Dane Brimner

**Stonewall Book Award–Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children’s & Young Adult Literature Award**: *Little & Lion*, written by Brandy Colbert and *The 57 Bus*, written by Dashka Slater

Stop by your school library or the Milton Public Library to check these books out!