Have a favorite book? Want to vote? Here’s how!

- Washington State students grades 2-6 are eligible.
- Read at least two nominated titles.
- Books can be found at your school library and at your public library.
- Voting takes place in April.
- Librarians must turn in votes online. Ask your librarian for assistance.

Previous Towner Winners:

2014 — Nic Bishop Snakes
2015 — Barbed Wire Baseball
Educator’s pick: The Great American Dust Bowl

The Towner Award is named after Bill Towner, longtime Seattle librarian and mentor to dozens of librarians. Bill was an outstanding teacher-librarian who worked with thousands of students from all backgrounds and taught all of them his love of literature. Bill showed us how caring teachers and librarians can make a difference.

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Nominees 2016

Behold the Beautiful Dung Beetle
Cheryl Bardoe, Ill. Alan Marks
Welcome to an up-close view of the dung beetle! These amazing insects harvest their food, drink, and fuel from the waste piles that large animals leave behind.

Feathers: Not Just for Flying
Melissa Stewart, Ill. Sarah S. Brannen
Discover 16 birds and what makes each species special – feathers!

Handle with Care
Loree Griffin Burns & Ellen Harasimowicz
Learn how workers on a farm in Costa Rica care for delicate, winged butterflies as they change from egg to caterpillar to pupae.

Mama Built a Little Nest
Jennifer Ward & Steve Jenkins
Simple rhyming text introduces different kinds of bird nests built up high or below the ground.

My Country ‘Tis of Thee: how one song reveals the history of human rights
Claire Rudolf Murphy and Bryan Collier
Generations of protestors have created new lyrics to this song throughout America’s history.

Neighborhood Sharks
Katherine Roy
The Farallon Islands near San Francisco are the seasonal home to a group of great white sharks.

Plastic Ahoy! Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch
Patricia Newman, Ill. Annie Crawley
A team of three scientists set out on a research ship to investigate the Great Pacific Garbage Patch.

Separate is Never Equal
Duncan Tonatiuh
Almost 10 years before Brown vs. Board of Education, Sylvia Mendez and her parents helped end school segregation in California.

Star Stuff: Carl Sagan and the Mysteries of the Cosmos
Stephanie Roth Sisson
Carl Sagan’s life is followed from the time he was a young boy wondering about the universe to his adult work as an internationally renowned scien-

Underworld: Exploring the Secret World Beneath your Feet
Jane Price, Ill. James Gulliver Hancock
Explore what lies below the earth’s surface, including: volcanoes, dinosaurs & fossils, crystals & caves, underground cities, art, animals, industries, buried people, treasures, dungeons, and more.

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