The Southeast Region Youth Conference  
2012 Book List

Read at least two books. Write a paragraph about each book including a summary and your reaction to it. E-mail your paragraphs to ypdsoutheast@yahoo.com or bring them to the Conference, and submit them during registration.

Anyone who submits two book summaries will be recognized and receive an award during the Rose Pageant/Honor’s Banquet on Friday, July 27th.

Ages Birth - 8

A Season for Mangoes by Regina Hanson
A Sweet Smell of Roses by Angela Johnson
A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Philip C. Stead
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
Anansi and the Lizard: A West African Tale by Pat Cummings
As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel’s Amazing March Toward Freedom by Richard Michelson
Barack Obama: Son of Promise, Child of Hope by Nikki Grimes
Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Busing Brewster by Richard Michelson
Campy: The Story of Roy Campanella by David A. Adler
D is for Drinking Gourd: An African American Alphabet by Nancy I. Sanders
Dad, Jackie and Me by Myron Uhlberg
Dizzy by Jonah Winter
Game Day by Tiki Barber and Burleigh Ronde
Hair for Mama by Kelly A. Tinkham
Hewitt Anderson’s Great Big Life by Jerdine Nolen
Looking Like Me by Walter Dean Myers
Michelle by Deborah Hopkinson

Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale retold and illustrated by John Steptoe

My Best Friend by Mary Ann Rodman

Nothing But Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson by Sue Stauffacher

Precious and the Boo Hag by Patricia C. McKissack

Ready? Set. Raymond! by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

Ron’s Big Mission by Rose Blue and Corinne Naden

Squashed in the Middle by Elizabeth Winthrop

Stitchin’ and Pullin’: A Gee’s Bend Quilt by Patricia C. McKissack

The Baby on the Way by Karen English

The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County by Janice N. Harrington

The Escape of Oney Judge: Martha Washington’s Slave Finds Freedom by Emily Arnold McCully

The Moon Over by Dianna Hutts Aston

The Pirate of Kindergarten by George Ella Lyon

The Secret Olivia Told Me by N. Joy

Uptown by Collier Bryan

Where the Wild Things Are by Sendak, Maurice

Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats

Yo, Jo! by Isadora Rachel

You and Me and Home Sweet Home by George Ella Lyon
Ages 9-12

A Hero Ain’t Nothin’ But A Sandwich by Alice Childress

Ain’t Nobody a Stranger to Me by Ann Grifalconi

Ain’t Nothing But a Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry

Are You There God? It’s Me Margaret by Judy Blume

Arilla Sun Down by Virginia Hamilton

Billy by Albert French

Bird by Zeta Elliott

Black and White Airmen: Their True History by John Fleischman

Black Storm Comin’ by Diane Lee Wilson

Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation by Andrea Davis Pinkney

Brendan Buckley’s Universe and Everything in It by Sundee T. Frazier

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Clover by Dori Sanders

Come Morning by Leslie Guccione

Crossing Jordan by Adrian Fogelin

Dark Venture by Audrey White Beyer

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis

Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson

For the Life of Laetitia by Merle Hodge

Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule by Harriette Gillem Robinet

Further Tales of Uncle Remus; The Misadventures of Brer Rabbit, Brer Fox, Brer Wolf, the Doodang and Other Creatures by Julius Lester
Goin’ Someplace Special by Patricia McKissack

Grandma’s Gift by Eric Velasquez

Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus

I Love My Hair by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley

I’m Your Child, God by Marian Wright Edelman

If I Just Had Two Wings by Virginia Frances Schwartz

M.C. Higgins, The Great by Virginia Hamilton

Mile’s Song by Alice McGill

Miracle’s Boys by Jacqueline Woodson

Moon over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

Please, Baby, Baby Please by Spike and Tonya Lee

Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by Andrea Davis Pinckney

Sounder by William H. Armstrong

The Blacker the Berry by Joyce Carol Thomas

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales by Virginia Hamilton

The Red Rose Box by Brenda Woods

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm

Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein

Yolonda’s Genius by Carol Fenner

Words by Heart by Ouida Sebestyen
Ages 13 - 18

A Life for a Life by Ernest Hill

A Place to Call Home by Jackie French Koller

A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson by Michelle Y. Green

After Tupac and D Foster by Jacqueline Woodson

Alice Walker: Freedom Writer by Caroline Lazo

Another Way to Dance by Martha Southgate

Baby of the Family by Tina McElroy Ansa

Bad Boy: A Memoir by Walter Dean Myers


Bucking the Sarge by Christopher Paul Curtis by Patricia and Fredrick L. McKissack

Booker T. Washington and Education by John Wukovits

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose

Coffee Will Make You Black by April Sinclair

Come by Here by Olivia E. Coolidge

Dr. Charles Drew: Blood Bank Innovator by Anne Schraff

Fast Talk on a Slow Track by Rita Williams-Garcia

Fight On! Mary Church Terrell's Battle for Integration by Dennis B. and Judith Fradin

Fire from the Rock by Sharon M. Draper

Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith

Forged by Fire by Sharon M. Draper

Francie by Karen English
Friendship by Mildred D. Taylor
From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun by Jacqueline Woodson
Harlem Summer by Walter Dean Myers
Heaven by Angela Johnson
Holes and the sequel: Small Steps by Louis Sachar
I Hadn't Meant to Tell You This by Jacqueline Woodson
I Never Had It Made by Jackie Robinson
If you Come Softly by Jacqueline Woodson
It Ain’t all for Nothin’ by Walter Dean Myers
Jazmin's Notebook by Nikki Grimes
Jesse Owens by Tom Streissguth
Jip, His Story by Katherine Paterson
Jubilee Journey by Carolyn Meyer
Kareem by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
Let the Circle be Unbroken by Mildred D. Taylor
Listen for the Fig Tree by Sharon Bell Mathis
Little X: Growing up in the Nation of Islam by Sonsyrea Tate
M. C. Higgins, the Great by Virginia Hamilton
Mahalia: A Life in Gospel Music by Roxnae Orgill
Trilogy: Last Summer with Maizon; Maizon at Blue Hill, and Between Madison and Palmetto by Jacqueline Woodson
Malcolm X: A Graphic Biography by Andrew Helfer
Mare's War by Tanita S. Davis
Monster by Walter Dean Myers

Numbering All the Bones by Ann Rinaldi

Obama: The Historic Journey by Jill Abramson

Playing without the Ball: A Novel in Four Quarters by Rich Wallace

Right by My Side by David Haynes

Rooftop by Paul Volponi

Say it Loud! The Story of Rap Music by Maurice K. Jones

Scorpions by Walter Dean Myers

Slam! by Walter Dean Myers

Something Terrible Happened by Barbara Ann Porte

Somewhere in the Darkness by Walter Dean Myers

Spellbound by Janet McDonald

Standing Against the Wind by Traci L. Jones

Stretch Your Wings: Famous Black Quotations for Teens by Janet Cheatham Bell

Sweet Whispers, Brother Rush by Virginia Hamilton

Tears of a Tiger by Sharon M. Draper

The First Part Last by Angela Johnson

The Last Shot: City Streets, Basketball Dreams by Darcy Frey

The Mouse Rap by Walter Dean Myers

The Planet of Junior Brown by Virginia Hamilton

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Those Who Love the Game: Glenn "Doc" Rivers on Life in the NBA and Elsewhere by Glenn Rivers

Toning the Sweep by Angela Johnson
True Believer by Virginia Euwer Wolff

Venus to the Hoop by Sara Corbett

Way Past Cool by Jess Mowry

We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success by Samson Davis, et. Al.

Where You Belong by Mary Ann McGuigan

Zack by William Bell
**Ages 19+**

*As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel's Amazing March Toward Freedom* by Richard Michelson

*Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal* by Vanda Micheaux Nelson

*Big Mouth and Ugly Girl* by Joyce Carol Oates

*Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes

*Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave* by Laban Carrick Hill

*Having our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* by Sarah and Elizabeth Delany

*Hoops* by Walter Dean Myers

*I Am the Cheese* by Robert Cormier

*Letters from a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs* by Mary E. Lyons

*Lincoln's Dressmaker: The Unlikely Friendship of Elizabeth Keckley and Mary Todd Lincoln* by Lynda Jones

*Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man in America* by Nathan McCall

*Measure of Our Success: A Letter to My Children and Yours* by Marian Wright Edelman

*The Music of Summer* by Rosa Guy

*Motown and Didi* by Walter Dean Myers

*Red-Tail Angels: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II* by Mildred D. Taylor

*Sojourner Truth: From Slave to Activist for Freedom* by Mary G. Butler

*That Was Then, This Is Now* by S. E. Hinton

*The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

*The Gold Cadillac* by Mildred D. Taylor

*The House of Dies Drear* by Virginia Hamilton

*The "Mississippi Burning" Civil Rights Murder Conspiracy Trial, A Headline Court Case* by Harvey Fireside
The Well: David's Story by Mildred D. Taylor

The Skin I'm In by Sharon G. Flake

The Wolf By the Ears by Ann Rinaldi

The Young Landlords by Walter Dean Myers

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

This Life by Sidney Poitier

Voices in the Mirror: An Autobiography by Gordon Parks

Won't Know 'Til I Get There by Walter Dean Myers