

# Who Governs the BCTBA?

Teachers and librarians serve on the Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Award Council. Current sponsoring agencies are:

- State Library of Ohio
- Ohio Council of the International Reading Association (OCIRA)
- Ohio Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (OCTELA)
- Ohio Educational Library Media Association (OELMA)
- Ohio Library Council (OLC)
- and the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science.

Each agency is allowed up to two members on the Council. Each agency contributes \$350 to the Council annually. The Council meets twice a year and communicates frequently between meetings; its primary job is to prepare the master voting list and post it on the website after nominations are in, and then tabulate and announce the results. The Council also promotes the award, and maintains the BCTBA website. The BCTBA archives are kept in the Reinberger Children's Library Center at Kent State University School of Library and Information Science.

The Buckeyes also receive support from DOGOBooks.com, who provide our voting page, and TeachingBooks.net, who provide free links to educational resources for the nominated books.



To encourage children in Ohio to read literature critically

To promote teacher and librarian involvement

To commend authors of quality literature

To promote the use of libraries



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## How Does The Buckeye Book Awards Program Work?

Ohio students in grades K-12, in any school (or homeschooled), nominate their favorite books for the Buckeye and then vote for their choices. The Buckeyes are one of the only State Reader's Choice Awards for which books are both nominated and voted on by students, not adults. The students do all nominating and voting online, at **[www.bcbookaward.info](http://www.bcbookaward.info)**. Students may vote from home, school or the public library. They may vote individually or as part of a group at school or the public library. Teachers and librarians can submit votes on behalf of students.

## Buckeye Awards Timeline:

**March 15-March 10 of the following year:** Students nominate their favorite books (published within the last two years, and not part of a series that has already won the award. Past winners are listed on the website.). Nominations are open year-round, except for a 5-day transition period in March to close one year's nomination period and open the next.

**April:** The top five nominated books for each grade range are posted to the website.

**May-August:** Students read the nominated books, if they haven't already, and encourage their friends to read them too. Students also nominate NEW books they read over the summer.

**September 1 to November 10:** Students vote for their favorites of the five nominees. Students also continue to nominate new books.

**After December 1:** The winners are announced!

## How Teachers & School Librarians Can Participate:

- Create a bulletin board or display to promote the nominating process and to encourage students to nominate or vote for books. Write reviews or make video book trailers to promote the nominees.
- Put the BCTBA website in your email sig file; link to it on your school's webpage or blog. Like BCTBA on Facebook and promote the Buckeyes on your social media feeds.
- Print out the ballot bookmarks from the BCTBA website & put them in the nominated books.
- Create a display of the nominated books and/or past winners in your school library.
- Have students dress up as a favorite character to share with the class; hold a "rally" and have students campaign for their favorite book; vote in conjunction with a unit on the electoral process or during Teen Read Week.

## Share your ideas!

Have you developed other creative ways to encourage students to read, share, and get excited about books? Adapt your great ideas to promote the Buckeye Awards at your school, and share your successes and tips with others. Contact the Buckeye Children's and Teen Book Awards Council at **[www.bcbookaward.info/contact-us/](http://www.bcbookaward.info/contact-us/)** with your suggestions, questions, and thoughts. Thank you!