

THE BEST IN LITERACY

ILA's 2015 Awards and Grants recipients

*t*he International Literacy Association celebrated achievements in literacy instruction and research at the ILA 2015 Conference in St. Louis, MO, in July. Members and councils were honored for their incredible work in both schools and communities, and the impact that work is having on today's students and future learners. The 2015 ILA Awards and Grants recipients were:

Advocacy Award

- Illinois Reading Council, Cindy Gerwin, President
- Kentucky Reading Association, Laurie Henry, President
- Keystone State Reading Association, Julie Wise, President
- Louisiana Reading Association, Brandi McNabb, President
- Virginia State Reading Association, Kim Lancaster, President
- Wisconsin State Reading Association, Kathy Galvin, President

Albert J. Harris Award

Jennifer K. Gilbert, Donald L. Compton, Douglas Fuchs, Lynn S. Fuchs, Bobette Bouton, Laura A. Barquero, and Eunsoo Cho for their 2013 *Reading Research Quarterly* article "Efficacy of a First-Grade Responsiveness-to-Intervention Prevention Model for Struggling Readers."

Arbuthnot Award

Patricia Austin, New Orleans, LA

Award for Technology and Reading

Grand Recipients:

- Libby Curran, Wilmot, NH, for *Reading Train: Learn To Read Books, Songs & Games*
- Carolyn Fortuna, Chepachet, RI, for *Reading Meets a 1:1 Digital Environment in Senior High School English*

Regional Recipients:

- Great Lakes: Bonnie Hoffman, Chicago, IL, for *Twisted Tales and Technology*
- International: Sheila Marie Koch Jurke, Lloydminster, SK, Canada, for *Kindergarten Plus*
- Southeast: Amy Blowers, Port Orange, FL, for *College Prep for Volusia Online Learning*

- Southwest: Amy Cantrell, Wagoner, OK, for *Digital Shorts*
- West: Elizabeth Gomez, Indio, CA, for *Literacy-Equity and Access for All!*

Children's and Young Adults' Book Awards

Primary Fiction

Winner: *Maddi's Fridge* by Lois Brandt, illustrated by Vin Vogel (Flashlight Press)

Honor: *One Big Pair of Underwear* by Laura Gehl, illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld (Beach Lane Books); and *Cock-a-Doodle Oops!* by Lori Degman, illustrated by Deborah Zemke (Creston Books)

Primary Nonfiction

Winner: *Polar Bears and Penguins: A Compare and Contrast Book* by Katharine Hall (Arbordale Publishing)

Intermediate Fiction

Winner: *The Night Gardener* by Jonathan Auxier (Amulet Books)

Honor: *Knightley and Son* by Rohan Gavin (Bloomsbury)

Intermediate Nonfiction

Winner: *The Industrial Revolution for Kids: The People and Technology That Changed the World* by Cheryl Mullenbach (Chicago Review Press)

Young Adult Fiction

Winner: *Beauty of the Broken* by Tawni Waters (Simon Pulse)

Honor: *Girl in Reverse* by Barbara Stuber (Margaret K. McElderry Books); and *Breaking Butterflies* by M. Anjelais (Chicken House)

Young Adult Nonfiction

No award was recommended in this category this year.

Dina Feitelson Award

Lori E. Skibbe, Samantha W. Bindman, Annemarie H. Hindman, Dorit Aram, and Frederick J. Morrison for their 2013 *Reading Research Quarterly* article “Longitudinal Relations Between Parental Writing Support and Preschoolers’ Language and Literacy Skills.”

Elva Knight Research Grant

- Pradyumn Srivastava, University of Arkansas, for *Hypertext Reading Comprehension in Adolescents With and Without Language Learning Disability*, \$8,000
- Lynn Shanahan, University at Buffalo, SUNY, and Mary McVee, University at Buffalo, SUNY, for *Disciplinary Literacies: Ways of Talking, Reading, Writing, Thinking and Acting Like an Engineer*, \$8,000

Exemplary Reading Program Award

- E.R. Dickson Elementary School, Mobile, AL
- Greenbrier Westside Elementary School, Greenbrier, AR
- Granville Elementary School, Prescott Valley, AZ
- Ross School, Ross, CA
- Dillon Valley Elementary School, Dillon, CO
- Prairie Heights Elementary School, LaGrange, IN
- Hahnville High School, Boutte, LA
- Fricano Primary School, Lockport, NY
- Four Rivers Community School, Ontario, OR
- Springfield Literacy Center, Springfield, PA
- New Prospect Elementary School, Inman, SC
- Howard Elementary School, Howard, WI

Helen M. Robinson Grant

Lina Trigos-Carrillo, University of Missouri-Columbia, for *Academic Literacies of LA College Students*

Jeanne S. Chall Research Fellowship

Jolie Heath, Graduate Center, CUNY, for *Teaching Third Graders to Read Multi-Syllable Words: Effects of Practice*

Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award

Theresa A. Deeney, Kingston, RI

Legends in Literacy Award

- Frances Gonzalez-Garcia, Reading Specialist, Northside ISD, TX
- Gainesville City Schools Learning Support Team, Gainesville, GA

Maryann Manning Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

Betty H. Yarborough, Portsmouth, VA (Posthumously)
Betty Dean Newman, Athens, AL
Carol S. Owles, Carlock, IL

Nila Banton Smith Award

Deborah Neal Hollimon, USAFA, Colorado
Angela Madsen, Omaha, NE

Outstanding Dissertation Award

Meghan Liebfreund, Towson University, for her dissertation from North Carolina State University, *Success With Informational Text Comprehension: An Examination of Underlying Factors*

Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Grant

Tammeka Foreman, Irving, TX

Short Story Award

Stephanie A. Logue, “Sergeant Reckless of the Recoilless Rifles,” published in *Cricket* magazine, July/August 2014

Special Service Award

Carrice Cummins, Monroe, IL

Steven A. Stahl Research Grant

Katherine Wright, Texas A&M University, for *Writing to Learn in Science Class*

Teacher as Researcher Grant

Deborah Rude, Reading Coach; Bethany Silva, Fourth-Grade Teacher; and Linda Iannetta, ELL Third-Grade Teacher at Bernard F. Norton Elementary School, Cumberland, RI

William S. Gray Citation of Merit

Jerry Johns, Sycamore, IL

2016 ILA Awards and Grants

For information on nominations for next year, visit literacyworldwide.org/awards.