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TO: Elementary and Middle School Librarians

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SUBJECT: Memo to Parents re: Texas Bluebonnet Award Program

The Texas Bluebonnet Award reading program is sponsored by the Texas Library Association and each year a list of twenty titles is compiled by a committee of librarians for the purpose of encouraging student reading in grades 3 through 6. The list is comprised of fiction and non-fiction titles, and the committee considers student interests, relevant content, reputable reviews, and literary quality. After students have read (or had books read aloud to them) a minimum of five books from the list, they will be eligible to vote for their favorite title during the month of January. The author of the book receiving the most votes statewide is declared the winner of the Texas Bluebonnet Award.

While the program is primarily promoted to elementary age students, the list contains titles which may be more appropriate for 5th and 6th grade students in content. The Texas Bluebonnet Award ([http://www.txla.org/TBA-nominees](http://www.txla.org/TBA-nominees)) is a voluntary reading program and parents may wish to review the titles and assist their student in making appropriate reading choices which align to family values.