

# Children First and Foremost When it Comes to Sequoyah Awards

One of the unique events in Oklahoma is the annual Sequoyah Awards. Our state honors the Native American leader for creating the Cherokee syllabary. What makes the award unique is that the children who read the books are the ones who vote to select the winner.

The Oklahoma Library Association has just released the book lists for 2012. We have copies of the lists in the library and would love to order these books if young people are interested in participating.

These are the rules:

Students in grades 3-5 who have read or listened to at least three titles from the Children's Masterlist <<http://ola.oklibs.org/organization/committees/sequoyah/masterlists/2011hmasterlist.htm>> are eligible to vote for the Children's Sequoyah Book Award.

Students in grades 6-8 who have read or listened to at least three titles from the Intermediate Masterlist <<http://ola.oklibs.org/organization/committees/sequoyah/masterlists/2011imasterlist.htm>> are eligible to vote for the Intermediate Sequoyah Book Award.

Students in grades 9-12 who have read or listened to

at least three titles from the High School Masterlist <<http://ola.oklibs.org/organization/committees/sequoyah/masterlists/2011hmasterlist.htm>> are eligible to vote for the High School Sequoyah Book Award.

Students vote for a favorite title in February and March, and ballots <<http://ola.oklibs.org/organization/committees/sequoyah/voting.htm>> should be submitted to the Oklahoma Library Association before April 1 each year.

The 2010 winners were "Lawn Boy" by Gary Paulsen in the Children's category, "Unwind" by Neal Shusterman in the Intermediate group and Jay Asher's "Thirteen Reasons Why" in the High School category.

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Have trouble reading? The library would like your feedback.

Is there any interest in large-print book or audio books? We have a limited collection of each, but are willing to expand.

Large-print books are great for those with tired eyes.

Audio books offer a great opportunity to have some of our best actors read just to you. For example, we have Michael York

narrating Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Chad Lowe reading Hoot. Author Joseph M. Marshall III reads his own book The Journey of Crazy Horse. Those of a certain age are sure to remember Bill Cosby and the Smothers Brothers.

Check us out!

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April was a busy month for the library and it was highlighted by a celebration for our 23rd anniversary on Wednesday, the 20th. Hamburgers, hot dogs, cake and cookies were served. About 80 people signed our guestbook, but many more were in attendance. And next year, we promise we won't run out of hot dogs!

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Catherine Walker has been busy working on the library's display cases. The corner display offers a historic look at 12 of the Native American chiefs. The other display focuses on the legacy of the Sac and Fox tribe. Feel free to stop by to look at her display.

And, as a reminder, the library is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

And starting Saturday, March 7, we will be open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



HOMELAND: Northeast Missouri and the Sac and Fox Journey Home with tribal culture and tradition



GREAT NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERS

There were many outstanding leaders among the North American Native tribes. In this exhibition you will be introduced to twelve of them. They represent almost every section of the country, and every century from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>. Diverse as they are in terms of space and time, they also represent vast differences in language, culture and - as you can see here - mode of dress. The 12 Great Native American Leaders represented in the exhibit are as follows: Black Hawk; Co-chise; Cornplanter; Joseph; Massosoit; Pontiac; Powhatan; Red Cloud; Sacagawea; Sequoyah; Tecumseh; Wovoka.



Library Celebrates 23rd Anniversary

## Sauk Language Department *Looking At Colors May 2011*

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mahkatêyâwi	It is Black	athâwâwi	It is Brown.
inâtêwi	It is that color	eshkipakyâwi	It is Red
tâna châhi ênâtêki?	What color is it?	kâhpîhâtêwi	It is Pink.
wâpeshkyâwi	It is White.	meshkwâwi	It is Purple.
wâpyâwi	It is Grey.	meshkopâtêwi	It is Peach (color)
wîpekwâwi	It is Blue.	pohkamâwihâtêwi	It is Light (in color)
athâwâwi	It is Yellow/Orange.	mîthechêhâtêwi	It is Dark (in color)
eshkipakyâwi	It is Green.		

**Have Fun**

