HONORS AND AWARDS: VOLUNTEER STATE BOOK AWARDS
JUNE 2018 BOARD REPORT

➢ The Volunteers State Book Awards co-chairs and committees are very pleased with the participation this year. We had 230 schools that entered their votes in Survey Monkey. Over 37,000 children and teens from across Tennessee participated in voting for the Volunteer State Book Award this year. Participation increased dramatically in the high school division with substantially more libraries and teens submitting votes. In the Primary Division alone, we had nearly 25,000 votes. Libraries in the Intermediate Division submitted over 15,000 votes. Here are the results:

The top five titles in each of the four divisions for the 2017-2018 Volunteer State Book Award are listed below:

Primary: Grades K-2

4) I Don’t Want to Be a Frog by Deb Petty and illustrated by Mike Boldt. Doubleday, 2015.

Intermediate Division: Grades 3-5


Middle School Division: Grades 6-8.

High School: Grades 9-12

3) **Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda** by Becky Albertalli. Balzer + Bray, 2015.
5) **Salt to the Sea** by Ruta Sepetys. Philomel Books, 2016.

The four winning authors—Beth Ferry, Robert Beatty, Kim Bradley, and Victoria Aveyard—will receive invitations to attend the 2019 TASL Conference to accept their awards.

- Follett agreed to sponsor a drawing giveaway in which they will provide 20 titles each from next year's VSBA lists to the lucky winners in each of the 4 divisions of the VSBA. The winners this year are:

**Primary Division:** Nashville Christian School

**Intermediate Division:** Clovercroft Elementary

**Middle School Division:** Arlington Middle School

**High School Division:** MCGavock High School

- Item for discussion:

  It has been brought up to the TLA co-chair, Pat Bahir, that TLA is not communicating the Volunteer State Book Awards news through our website and some homeschool families are missing out on voting because we don’t provide this information. Here is the librarians concern in her own words: “VSBA is prominently displayed on the TASL site and promoted through our organization. It seemed like this librarian had missed any communication by TLA. If this is truly a joint venture, is it being promoted and highlighted through TLA also?”

  How can we deliver more information about the VSBA to Public Libraries? Are Directors and Branch managers making this a priority or part of the Young Adult and Children’s Librarians?

Respectfully submitted by Pat Bashir