

USBBY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2025

(Updated June 18, 2025)

National Selection Committees

USBBY Outstanding International Books Committee

Two-year appointment. Select annual list of the best books from other countries published or distributed in the USA during the previous year.

Chair: Rachel Roseberry
Past Chair: Sara Parrish
Board Liaison: Desiree Cueto
Co-Chair: Susan Polos
Returning member: Tiffany A. Thornton
Returning member: María V. Acevedo
Returning member: Gussie Lewis
Returning member: Linda Pavonetti
New member: Junko Sakai
New member: Riky Stock
New member: Taraneh Matloob Haghanikar

Bridge to Understanding Award Committee

This award is given biennially to a program that promotes international understanding among children through books. Two-year appointment. Solicit nominations, select winner, publicize the award.

Chair: Nancy Hadaway
Board Liaison: Jim Stiles
Member: Cyndi Giorgis
Member: Amy Kellman
Member: Joan Glazer

Dorothy Briley Memorial Lecturer Selection Committee

Meets in even years. Select the Dorothy Briley Memorial Lecturer, a lecture presented at each biennial IBBY Regional Conference by a speaker from outside the United States.

Chair: Tucker Stone

Nominating Committees for International Awards and Projects

Hans Christian Andersen Award Committee

This prestigious award is presented to an author and illustrator of international stature at each biennial IBBY World Congress. Two-year appointment. Nominate U.S. candidates for the awards to IBBY, prepare dossiers. Also choose books for the biennial IBBY Honor List

Chair: Emily Pendergrass
Past Chair: Gillian Enberg

Board Liaison: Dora Ho
 Member: Danielle Sachdeva
 Member: Danilo Baylen
 Member: Anne Katz
 Member: Caroline Romans

Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award Committee

Two-year appointment. Nominate U.S. candidates for the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, given annually by the Swedish government to an author, illustrator, storyteller, or promoter of children's books.

In Process

IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award Committee

Two-year appointment. Recommend a project to be nominated for the award, given biennially to groups or institutions that have made a lasting contribution to reading programs for children and young people.

Chair: Ariel Richardson
 Board Liaison: Wendy Stephens
 Member: Meral Kaya
 Member: Mary Napoli
 Member: Martha Karavitas
 Member: Maria Correa

USBBY Committee for the IBBY-iRead Outstanding Reading Promoter Award

Two-year appointment. Recommend an individual to be nominated for the award, given biennially to an individual who is working to promote the expansion and development of children's reading.

Chair: Yoo Kyung Sung
 Board Liaison: Sandip Wilson
 Member: Alisha Berger
 Member: Lorrie Pomian Fisher
 Member: Sue Corbin

Outstanding Books for Young People with Disabilities

Two- or three-year appointment. Select U.S. books for this biennial IBBY list and traveling exhibit

Chair: Jace Brown
 Past Chair: Sunny Wee
 Board Liaison: Bindy Fleischman
 Member: Irene Latham
 Member Susan Corapi
 Member: Mary-Kate Sableski
 Member: Desiree Thomas

Nominating Committee

Two-year appointment. Prepare slate of nominees for annual election to the Board of USBBY.

Chair: Tucker Stone

Member: Bettie Parsons Barger

Member: Claudia Bedrick

Member: Shanetia Clark