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. Acévedo
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