



# 2026 Illinois Bluestem Award Master List



Author/Illustrator	Title of Book	Publisher	Year
Applegate, Katherine/Choldenko, Gennifer/West, Wallace	<i>Dogtown</i>	Feiwel & Friends	2023
Buxbaum, Julie/Naidu, Lavanya	<i>The Area 51 Files</i>	Delacorte Press	2022
Christmas, Johnnie	<i>Swim Team</i>	HarperAlley	2022
Cocca-Leffler, Maryann/Mildenberger, Vivien	<i>Fighting for Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann</i>	Abrams Books for Young Readers	2022
Frankel, Erin/Escobar, Paola	<i>A Plate of Hope: The Inspiring Story of Chef José Andrés and World Central Kitchen</i>	Random House Studio	2024
Hafiza, Radiya	<i>Rumaysa: A Fairytale</i>	Macmillan	2021
Kuyatt, Meg Eden	<i>Good Different</i>	Scholastic	2023
Lavelle, Kari	<i>Butt or Face?: A Hilarious Animal Guessing Game for Kids</i>	Sourcebooks, Inc.	2023
Leigh, Lindsey	<i>The Deep! Wild Life at the Ocean's Darkest Depths</i>	Penguin Workshop	2023
Lloyd, Megan Wagner/Nutter, Michelle Mee	<i>Squished</i>	Graphix	2023
McAnulty, Stacy	<i>Millionaires for the Month</i>	Random House	2020
Miller, Sharee	<i>New in Town (Curlfriends #1)</i>	Little, Brown Ink	2023
Piontek, Victoria	<i>Better with Butter</i>	Scholastic	2021
Ramm, Meggie	<i>Batcat (Batcat #1)</i>	Abrams Fanfare	2023
Soontornvat, Christina/Hong, Kevin	<i>The Guardian Test (Legends of Lotus Island #1)</i>	Scholastic	2023
Stead, Rebecca/Mass, Wendy	<i>The Lost Library</i>	Feiwel & Friends	2023
Steinkellner, Emma	<i>Nell of Gumbling: My Extremely Normal Fairy-Tale Life</i>	Labyrinth Road	2023
Sullivan, Tom	<i>Escape at 10,000 Feet: D.B. Cooper and the Missing Money (Unsolved Case Files #1)</i>	Balzer + Bray	2021
Thayer, Mike	<i>The Double Life of Danny Day</i>	Feiwel & Friends	2021
Yee, Lisa/Santat, Dan	<i>The Misfits: A Royal Conundrum (The Misfits #1)</i>	Random House	2024

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# Titles Available in Languages Other Than English

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Frankel, Erin/Escobar, Paola/Correa, Erin	<i>Un plato de esperanza: la inspiradora historia del Chef José Andrés y World Central Kitchen</i>	Random House Studio	2024
Lloyd, Megan Wagner/Nutter, Michelle Mee/Berriz, Abel	<i>Apachurrada</i>	Graphix	2024
Ramm, Meggie/Gozávez, Paz Pruneda	<i>Batcat (Spanish)</i>	Anaya Infantil y Juvenil	2024