

**New York State Reading Association
2012 Charlotte Award Ballot**

Named for the main character in E.B. White's *Charlotte's Web*, the purpose of the Charlotte Award is to encourage students to read outstanding literature and ultimately become life-long readers. Additionally, the award recognizes the authors and illustrators of such literature. Students in New York State will read titles on the ballot and vote for their favorites. Ballots must be postmarked by **April 15, 2012**. Votes will be tallied, and winners will receive their awards at the Annual NYSRA Conference that immediately follows the voting deadline.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Students may have the books read to them or read the books on their own to become qualified voters.
- Students are encouraged to read all of the titles in a category, but it is not a requirement.
- Students may read books in more than one category and vote in each category.
- Each reader is entitled to one vote in one or more categories.
- An adult in a classroom or library setting must monitor voting procedures, and should submit **one ballot from each participating classroom or library** that indicates the **number of votes for each title**.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHARLOTTE AWARD PARTICIPATION:

- **VISIT** the NYSRA website at www.nysreading.org for a copy of the ballot with publishers' website links for each title; introduce the site to your class or fellow faculty members.
- **VISIT** the Charlotte Award Blog at www.charlotteaward.wordpress.com for resources related to each title on the ballot and reviews of the books.
- **USE** the books in your school's morning or DEAR program.
- **INVITE** a member of the **Charlotte Award Selection Committee** to come to your school to talk about the books and the ballot process.
- **DISPLAY** the books in a special spot in the library; tally the votes on a display chart.
- **START** a "**Charlotte Award Book Club**" for students and/or teachers.
- **ASK** your parent/teacher organization to help purchase books for your school library.
- **USE** the titles in your **PARP** program or hold a **Charlotte Award** family event.
- **HAVE** older students read the books aloud to younger students.
- **CREATE** a **Charlotte Award** shelf in the library displaying past winners.
- **PUBLICIZE** the Charlotte Award nominations by using **LITERATURE CIRCLES**.
- **INVOLVE** the community library, bookstore, preschools, senior citizens, **LOCAL READING COUNCILS** etc.

MAIL BALLOT TO:
NYSRA 2012 Charlotte Award
Attn: Mrs. Judy Ehrensbeck
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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
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ENVELOPES WITH BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2012 OR E-MAIL BALLOT BEFORE APRIL 15TH TO JUDY EHRENSBECK AT judy@ehrensbeck.com

Adult in Charge: _____
School/Library: _____
Address: _____

(If you would like a copy of the results, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your ballot. Award winners will be posted on the NYSRA website: www.nysreading.org as soon as possible after the voting deadline.)

2012 NYSRA Charlotte Award Selection Committee
Gretchen Baldauf, Stan Cianfarano, Mary Beth Farr, Eileen LaSpaluto, Caterina Stanczuk, Marguerite Sundberg,
Dawn Sweredoski, Ellen Wilcox, Liz Yanoff & Judy Ehrensbeck--Chairperson