

On February 18th Lisle's Mayor Broda served as the election judge for the annual Tate Woods Monarch Award voting. Every first and second grade student voted from a list of twenty nominated titles. This Children's Book Choice award for the State of Illinois is sponsored by the Illinois School Library Media Association to encourage reading in Kindergarten through third grade.



Tate Woods principal Wesley Gosselink along with her dog Brie read Two Bobbies: True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival. This book outlined the tale of stranded pets after Hurricane Katrina. A variety of support staff shared the book Rhyming Dust Bunnies. Mayor Broda



hosted the culmination of the activity with the all-important voting. He shook the hand of every student and awarded them a bookmark as they cast their ballot.

Adam S. voted for When Dinosaurs Came with Everything because it was funny. "I laughed when the boy's mother got a dinosaur at every store!" First grader Anna G. voted for Rhyming Dust Bunnies, which received the most votes at Tate Woods. "I liked the warning about the vacuum cleaner coming and the character Bob."

Three first grade teachers were able to read all twenty titles to their classes. "I enjoy participating in the Monarch award program," said second grade teacher Mrs. Remigio. The list of selected books represents a variety of authors and genres the children might not choose on their own. It really creates an enthusiasm for reading throughout the year." Every book from the list of twenty received at least one vote.

The official winner of the Monarch Award will be announced in the middle of March.

The preschoolers voted for their very own Caterpillar winner, an award unique to Tate Woods. Their favorite book was a tie between Cat the Cat Who Is That by Mo Willems and I'm Mighty by Kate and Jim McMullen.