

Bill Martin, Jr. Picture Book Award
Presented by the Kansas Reading Association

Purpose:

- To honor Bill Martin, Jr., an internationally renowned Kansas author of children's picture books
- To promote an appreciation for quality literature in young children
- To commend outstanding authors/illustrators of children's picture books
- To encourage involvement in promoting quality picture books.

Nomination Criteria:

- Books should be appropriate for K-3
- Books should be published during the three years preceding the one in which the final selection is made
- Books must be in print
- Books may either be fiction or nonfiction
- Books which are Caldecott Medal winners are not included
- Only one title per author/illustrator from the U.S.

Selection Process:

- Committee members are KRA members geographically diverse, of varying educational involvement, and serve alternating two-year terms
- Committee selects 10-12 nominees
- Nominated books are presented at the annual KRA conference
- Each KRA member may login online to vote during the voting period; the voting process is held at the end of the calendar year
- The winner is announced at the annual KRA conference
- The winner is asked to be present to receive the award and address the following year's KRA conference.