



# 2015 Sequoyah Book Awards

## Lessons + Activities

### Day Four:

Materials and ideas to promote the Sequoyah reading program, and a bonus lesson on picture books!



Visit [bit.ly/1kC6na7](http://bit.ly/1kC6na7) on the web for background on this Oklahoma honor—the third oldest youth-choice literary award in the nation.

#### Promoting Sequoyah

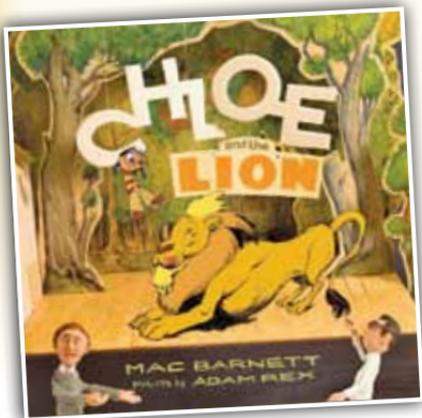
Reading for pleasure is the best way for young people to develop a lifelong habit of reading. Each year, the Oklahoma Library Association's Sequoyah teams select books for three masterlists targeting three age groups: children (grades 3-5), intermediate students (grades 6-8) and high schoolers (grades 9-12). The teams then develop a wealth of materials and ideas.

Visit [bit.ly/1IYzFv9](http://bit.ly/1IYzFv9) to download the masterlists and a smorgasbord of promotional ideas:

- **Annotations and Booktalks**—Annotations are brief and written to entice students with a good hook. Booktalks are designed for presentations to an audience or class.
- **Reviews, Awards, and Honors** for books on the masterlists
- **Author websites** for selected titles
- **Downloadable Bookmarks and Reading Certificates**
- **Reader's Theater Scripts** for grades 6-8
- **Not Quite Sequoyah Books**—There are only 15 titles on each masterlist. These books didn't quite make it—although, in an alternate universe, they did!—but are still worthy of introduction to your students.

#### Did You Know?

The Oklahoma Library Association also honors picture books that have made a significant contribution to the field of literature for children ages pre-school to the third grade. The Donna Norvell Oklahoma Book Award honors the contributions of Norvell, who served as the Oklahoma Department of Libraries' children's services librarian from 1992 to 2004.



The 2014 Norvell book is *Chloe and the Lion*, by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Adam Rex. In the book, author Barnett clashes with illustrator Rex over creative differences. (Barnett writes "Lion," but Rex thinks a "Dragon" would be much better!) During the debate between author and illustrator, readers of all ages are given privy to what it takes to create a successful picture book. Visit [nie.newsok.com](http://nie.newsok.com) for a bonus lesson on *Chloe and the Lion*!

Also visit [nie.newsok.com](http://nie.newsok.com) for more information and resources to launch a Sequoyah reading program in your school, class or library.

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