

# TEXAS BLUEBONNET AWARD PROGRAM

The **Texas Bluebonnet Award Program** is a state-wide reading program for students in grades 3-6. The Texas Bluebonnet Award and Reading List has been sponsored by a division of the Texas State Library Association since 1981 when Beverly Cleary accepted the first Texas Bluebonnet Award for *Ramona and Her Father*.

Texas librarians, teachers, parents, and students may nominate books each year from different genres for possible inclusion on the Bluebonnet Reading List. The list's purpose is to promote free-choice "leisure" reading and to expose students to a variety of quality literature.

20 books that meet all selection criteria are chosen for the annual reading list from the many nominees. A new list of twenty books for the next school year is announced annually at the Texas Book Festival in November.

**Read 5, then Decide:** Students who read five or more of the twenty reading list books are eligible to vote for their favorite book in January. State-wide votes decide the Texas Bluebonnet Award winning book and author.

**To Vote at the Library:** Students in grades 3-6 who do not attend a participating school may track their Bluebonnet reading and vote in January here at the Tom Green County Library.

**Reading Chart for Tracking:** Print your own reading chart and check the Bluebonnet books as you read. Copies of the reading chart are also available in the Children's Department.

**Add Name to the TGCL Participation List:** Please email [amy.dennis@co.tom-green.tx.us](mailto:amy.dennis@co.tom-green.tx.us) to place a reader's name on the TGCL Texas Bluebonnet list of readers for January's voting. Include student's name/grade level and parent's name/phone/email.



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