The Black-Eyed Susan Committee of the Maryland Association of School Librarians is pleased to announce the 2022-2023 nominees. As always, please be sure that these books fit the needs of your school and community.

**Picture Book**

*Avocado Asks* by Momoko Abe
*Crossings* by Katy S. Duffield, illustrated by Mile Orodan
*Don't Hug Doug: (He Doesn't Like It)* by Carrie Finison, illustrated by Daniel Wiseman
*Except Antarctica* by Todd Sturgell
*I am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story* by Martha Brockenbrough with Grace Lin, illustrated by Julia Kuo
*Norman Didn't Do It!: (Yes, he did.)* by Ryan T. Higgins
*The Ocean Calls: A Haenyeo Mermaid Story* by Tina Cho, illustrated by Jess X. Snow
*Outside, Inside* by LeUyen Pham
*R-E-S-P-E-C-T: Aretha Franklin, the Queen of Soul* by Carole Boston Weatherford, illustrated by Frank Morrison
*A Ride to Remember: A Civil Rights Story* by Sharon Langley and Amy Nathan, illustrated by Floyd Cooper
*Sincerely, Emerson: A Girl, Her Letter, and the Helpers All Around Us* by Emerson Weber, illustrated by Jaclyn Sinquett
*Someone Builds the Dream* by Lisa Wheeler, illustrated by Loren Long
*Twenty-one Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier* by Jeff Gottesfeld, illustrated by Mark Tavares
*A Walk in the Words* by Hudson Talbott
*What’s in Your Pocket? : Collecting Nature’s Treasures* by Heather L. Montgomery, illustrated by Maribel Lechuga

**Grades 4-6**

*The Beatryce Prophecy* by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Sophie Blackall
*Black Brother, Black Brother* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
*The Boy at the Back of the Class* by Onjali Q. Rauf
*The Canyon’s Edge* by Dusti Bowling
*Efren Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros
*The Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm
*Red, White, and Whole* by Rajani LaRocca
*Unplugged* by Gordon Korman
*Willodeen* by Katherine Applegate
*Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero* by Saadia Faruqi

**Graphic Novels: Grades 4-6**

*Allergic* by Megan Wagner Lloyd, illustrated by Michelle Mee Nutter
*Anti/ Hero* by Kate Karyus Quinn and Demitira Lunetta, illustrated by Maca Gil
*Chunky* by Yehudi Mercado
*City of Dragons: The Awakening Storm* by Jaimal Yogis, illustrated by Vivian Truong
*The Deep & Dark Blue* by Niki Smith
*Just Roll with It* by Lee Durfey-Lavoie, illustrated by Veronica Agarwal
*Measuring Up* by Lily LaMotte, illustrated by Ann Xu
*Miles Morales: Shock Waves* by Justin A. Reynolds, illustrated by Pablo Leon
*Snapdragon* by Kat Leyh
*The Way of the Hive: A Honey Bee’s Story* by Jay Hosler, illustrated by Hilary Sycamore