

The Truman Readers Award

It is now official. The *Truman Readers Award* is the name of the new award established to primarily address those readers in the middle/junior high ranges, a category for book titles a little “older” than those on the Mark Twain list, and a little “younger” than those on the Gateway list. Following are the particulars:

NAME: Truman Readers Award
CHAIR: Vickie Howard (Marlys Snyder, M.T. chair, will work with Vickie during this transition year)
YEAR: 2008-2009 will be the first year the students will be voting in this category
WORK: The Mark Twain & the Truman committees are now reading for this new award and will continue throughout the 2007-2008 school year, officially separating into the two committees January 2008.

FLEXIBILITY: Remember that voting is no longer restricted to the grade levels originally targeted for the previous three Readers Awards.

- A book may be a nominee on more than one readers award list.
- It is anticipated that both Mark Twain and the Truman committees will nominate 12 titles.
- Four of the 12 books will be required reading in both categories for voter eligibility.
- Students may vote in more than one award category and their votes will count in each.
- It is up to the library media specialists and the teachers to determine which awards they can/will promote in their particular schools.

***NOTE:** Students may NOW start reading in more than one category and have their votes counted at the state level this next school year, 2007-2008.

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