Dear NMLA Board and President,

The Land of Enchantment voting took place during the month of April. The first week of May the votes were tabulated with the following results:

Roadrunner: *You Are Not Small* by Anna Kang (278 votes)
Coyote: *Poem-Mobiles: Crazy Car Poems* by J. Patrick Lewis (172)
Lizard: *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson (27)
Black Bear: *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell (7)

Here are some numbers. We had a total of 2026 kids voting this year! For a reference, last year's total was 721. Here's the breakdown by list:

Roadrunner--14 schools, 1317 votes (!!)
Coyote--11 schools, 542 votes
Lizard--2 schools, 146 votes
Black Bear--2 schools, 21 votes

Our elementary schools are doing awesome. Clearly, we have some more work to do with high school & middle schools. :/ Still, it's good to remember this is the first year we've really had a list for high school students. Again--for perspective, here are last year's numbers

Picture Book-13 schools, 670 votes
Children's--4 schools, 26 votes
Young Adult--3 schools (2 middle, 1 high), 25 votes

The announcement has been posted on the website and social media. We are in the process of contacting authors and inviting them to speak at the Youth Luncheon at NMLA Annual. So far we've received declines from Rainbow Rowell and J. Patrick Lewis. We are waiting to hear back from Jacqueline Woodson before sending an invitation to Anna Kang.

The 2017-2018 reading lists will be posted soon on the website. We are currently reading for the 2018-2019 reading lists.

Our budget request for $600 has been submitted separately.

Respectfully Submitted,
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LOE Committee
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