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ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL'S 2024 ILLINOIS READS BOOK LIST WILL BE FEATURED AT THE ILLINOIS READS BOOK FESTIVAL ON FEBRUARY 3, 2024 AND AT THE IRC CONFERENCE ON MARCH 14-15, 2024

The Illinois Reading Council (IRC) has just released the list of Illinois Reads books for 2024. Illinois Reads is a statewide program that promotes reading for all Illinois citizens. The program promotes six books in six different age bands by authors and illustrators who have ties to Illinois. The books range from read-to books for infants to books for adult readers. Bookmarks and posters highlighting the Illinois Reads books will be available in early 2024. Order early as supplies are limited!

The 2024 Illinois Reads Program will be featured at the **Illinois Reads Book Festival at Westmont High School on February 3, 2024**. Readers throughout Illinois are invited to this free event. The Illinois Reads Program will also be featured at the annual **IRC Conference in Springfield, Illinois on March 14-15, 2024**. Conference registration is now open for educators, librarians, and others interested in promoting literacy. Visit our websites to find out about other upcoming Illinois Reads events.

The Illinois Reads book selections for 2024 are:

Birth-4

My Hair Is Like the Sun by St. Clair Detrick-Jules
and illustrated by Tabitha Brown
Mine! by Candace Fleming and illustrated by Eric Rohmann
No Fair! by Jacob Grant
You Are New by Lucy Knisley
A Book About You and All the World Too by Jean Reidy
Ethan and the Strays by John Sullivan

K-2

Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year by Andrea Beaty
3x4: TOON Level 1 by Ivan Brunetti
The New Bicycle by Darcy Day Zoells
Not a Monster by Claudia Guadalupe Martínez
You Are A Story by Bob Raczka
How to Explain Coding to a Grown-Up by Ruth Spiro

3-5

Cornbread & Poppy at the Museum by Matthew Cordell
The Enchanted Bridge by Zetta Elliott
Etta Invincible by Reese Eschmann
Josephine and Her Dishwashing Machine by Kate Hannigan
Mayor Good Boy Turns Bad by Dave Scheidt
and Miranda Harmon
The Stupendous Switcheroo: New Powers Every 24 Hours
by Mary Winn Heider and Chad Sell

6-8

The Bravest Warrior in Nefaria by Adi Alsaid
It Found Us by Lindsay Currie
*Restoring Prairie, Woods, and Pond: How a Small Trail
Can Make a Big Difference* by Laurie Lawlor
Lo & Behold by Wendy Mass and illustrated by Gabi Mendez
World Made of Glass by Ami Polonsky
The Lost Ryū by Emi Watanabe Cohen

9-12

Messenger: The Legend of Muhammad Ali by Marc Bernardin
Wolfpack: A Novel by Amelia Brunskill
Saint Juniper's Folly by Alex Crespo
Whalefall: A Novel by Daniel Kraus
Graceland Cemetery: Chicago Stories, Symbols, and Secrets
by Adam Selzer
If I Have To Be Haunted by Miranda Sun

Adult

Good Night, Irene: A Novel by Luis Alberto Urrea
*A Taste for Poison: Eleven Deadly Molecules and the
Killers Who Used Them* by Neil Bradbury, Ph.D.
King: A Life by Jonathan Eig
I Have Some Questions for You: A Novel by Rebecca Makkai
Ghostly: A Collection of Ghost Stories by Audrey Niffenegger
On Rotation: A Novel by Shirlene Obuobi

Illinois Reads is a statewide literacy program provided by the Illinois Reading Council, a nonprofit organization with close to 2,000 members across the State of Illinois. The mission of the Illinois Reading Council is to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy. Book lists from 2013 to 2024 may be found on the Illinois Reads website. For more information, visit our websites at www.IllinoisReads.org and www.IllinoisReadingCouncil.org.