Gateway Readers Award

The purpose of this award is to promote reading and literacy and for Missouri students in grades 9-12 to have the opportunity to vote for their favorite title from a list of nominees. Here are the nominees for 2017-18:

**All the Bright Places** by Jennifer Niven

“Told in alternating voices, when Theodore Finch and Violet Markey meet on the ledge of the bell tower at school, both teetering on the edge, it's the beginning of an unlikely relationship, a journey to discover the ‘natural wonders’ of the state of Indiana, and two teens' desperate desire to heal and save one another”--Provided by publisher.

Soon to be a major motion picture! * Realistic Fiction

**An Ember in the Ashes** by Sabaa Tahir

"Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution"--Provided by publisher. * Fantasy
**Emmy and Oliver** by Robin Benway

"Sheltered seventeen-year-old Emmy's childhood best friend Oliver reappears after disappearing with his father ten years ago"—Provided by publisher.

*Romance

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**Everything Everything** by Nicola Yoon

"The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known. The narrative unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, texts, charts, lists, illustrations, and more"—Provided by publisher.

Soon to be a movie!  
*Realistic Fiction  
*Romance

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**Extraordinary Means** by Robyn Schneider

“Two teenagers with a deadly disease fall in love on the brink of a cure” – From Follett.

*Realistic Fiction  
*Romance

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**The Improbable Theory of Ana and Zak** by Brian Katcher

“Ana is an honor student obsessed with being successful at everything academic, Clayton is her thirteen-year-old genius brother, the youngest student in their high school, and Zak is a gamer who is forced to join the quiz team by his teacher--but when Clayton sneaks off to a science fiction convention in Seattle while they are all there for a quiz bowl tournament, Ana is forced to rely on the unreliable Zak to find him” – From Follett.

*Action & Adventure
**Inherit Midnight** by Kate Kae Myers

"Avery is the black sheep of the wealthy VanDemere clan--the ostracized illegitimate daughter. So she's less than excited when her grandmother ropes her into a competition to determine the VanDemere most worthy of inheriting the family fortune, until a chance to gain information about her long-lost mother motivates Avery to try to win the game"--Provided by publisher.

*Mystery*

**Losers Take All** by David Klass

"At a sports-crazy NJ high school where all kids must play on a team, a group of rebels start a soccer team designed to undermine the jock-culture of the school"--Provided by publisher.

*Sports Fiction*

**Made You Up** by Francesca Zappia

"Armed with her camera and a Magic 8-Ball and her only ally (her little sister), Alex wages a war against her schizophrenia, determined to stay sane long enough to get into college"--Provided by publisher.

*Realistic Fiction*

**A Madness So Discreet** by Mindy McGinnis

"Near the turn of the nineteenth century, Dr. Thornhollow helps teenaged Grace Mae escape from the Boston asylum where she was sent after becoming pregnant by rape, and takes her to Ohio where they put her intelligence and remarkable memory to use in trying to catch murderers"—From Follett.

*Thriller*  
*Historical Fiction*
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<td>Carolyn Lee Adams</td>
<td>&quot;When Ruth is kidnapped, she's determined not to become this serial-killer's next trophy. After she's able to escape, her captor begins stalking her through the wilderness&quot;--Provided by publisher.</td>
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<td><em>Six of Crows</em></td>
<td>Leigh Bardugo</td>
<td>&quot;Six dangerous outcasts. One impossible heist. Kaz's crew is the only thing that might stand between the world and destruction--if they don't kill each other first&quot;--Provided by publisher.</td>
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<td><em>This Raging Light</em></td>
<td>Estelle Laure</td>
<td>“Seventeen-year-old Lucille is struggling to get through each day, paying bills and looking after her little sister, Wren, while her father is institutionalized after a breakdown and her mother is ‘on vacation,’ but nothing else seems to matter when she is with Digby Jones, her best friend's twin brother”—From Follett.</td>
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<td><em>Under a Painted Sky</em></td>
<td>Stacey Lee</td>
<td>&quot;In 1845, Sammy, a Chinese American girl, and Annamae, an African American slave girl, disguise themselves as boys and travel on the Oregon Trail to California from Missouri&quot;--Provided by publisher.</td>
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Zeroboxer by Fonda Lee

"As seventeen-year-old Carr 'the Raptor' Luka rises to fame in the weightless combat sport of zeroboxing, he learns a devastating secret that jeopardizes not only his future in the sport, but interplanetary relations"--Provided by publisher.

*Science Fiction    *Sports

Gateway Award Winner for 2016:

The 5th Wave
by Rick Yancey

Cassie runs from Them. The beings who only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see. Who have scattered Earth’s last survivors. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan Walker. Beguiling and mysterious, Evan Walker may be Cassie’s only hope for rescuing her brother--or even saving herself. But Cassie must choose: between trust and despair, between defiance and surrender, between life and death. To give up or to get up.

Read It Before You See It!
(Books that will be released as movies)
"In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe—a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't"--

Provided by publisher.

*Science Fiction

*Printz Honor Book 2017

"Told in riveting, keenly observed poetry, a moving first-person narrative as experienced by a young survivor of the tragic Donner Party of 1846"—From publisher.

*Novel in Verse

*Historical Fiction

"Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica—and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica"—From Follett.

*Magic    *Historical Fiction
“Maggie Bowers thinks she knows what to expect her junior year of high school, but when she and her out-of-the-closet best friend Nash have feelings for the same boy she wonders if winning someone's heart means losing her soul mate”—From Follett
*Realistic Fiction
*LGBTQ

“A graphic novel adaptation of Octavia E. Butler's *Kindred* in which a young African-American woman is mysteriously transferred back in time leading to an irresistible curiosity about her family's past”—From Follett
*African American
*Graphic Novel