



## 2026 Illinois Monarch Award Master List AISLE

Author/Illustrator	Title of Book	Publisher	Year
Arnaldo, Monica	<i>Mr. S: A First Day of School Book</i>	Katherine Tegen Books	2023
Blackall, Sophie	<i>Negative Cat</i>	Nancy Paulsen Books	2021
Cox, Lynne/Jones, Richard	<i>Yoshi, Sea Turtle Genius: A True Story About an Amazing Swimmer</i>	Anne Schwartz Books	2023
Davies, Jacqueline/Hocking, Deborah	<i>Sydney and Taylor Explore the Whole Wide World</i>	Clarion Books	2021
Denise, Christopher	<i>Knight Owl</i>	Christy Ottaviano Books	2022
Doerrfeld, Cori	<i>Beneath</i>	Little, Brown Books for Young Readers	2023
Esbaum, Jill/Thompson, Miles	<i>Thunder and Cluck: Friends Do Not Eat Friends</i>	Simon Spotlight	2021
Fang, X.	<i>We Are Definitely Human</i>	Tundra Books	2024
Holt, Bob	<i>The Red Jacket</i>	HarperCollins	2023
Klein, Cheryl/Alwar, Abhi	<i>Hamsters Make Terrible Roommates</i>	Dial Books	2021
Kurilla, Renée	<i>The Flower Garden: A Graphic Novel</i>	Amulet Books	2022
Lavelle, Kari	<i>Butt or Face?: A Hilarious Animal Guessing Game for Kids</i>	Sourcebooks Explore	2023
Mack, Jeff	<i>Time To Make Art</i>	Henry Holt and Co.	2024
McGinty, Alice B./Roberts, David	<i>Bathe the Cat</i>	Chronicle Books	2022
McGregor, Anna	<i>Who's Afraid of the Light?</i>	Scribble US	2023
McWilliam, Howard	<i>Just SNOW Already!</i>	Flashlight Press	2023
Pryor, Katherine/Peterson, Ellie	<i>Home is Calling: The Journey of the Monarch Butterfly</i>	WorthyKids	2023
Scanlon, Liz Garton/Vernick, Audrey/Bontigao, Lynnor	<i>The World's Best Class Plant</i>	G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers	2023
Smith, Emma Bland/Potter, Jennifer	<i>Claude: The True Story of a White Alligator</i>	Little Bigfoot	2020
Wiley, DeAnn	<i>Homegrown</i>	Henry Holt and Co.	2024