About the Young Readers One Book South Dakota

Each year, SDHC selects a Young Readers One Book to share with more than 11,000 third graders across the state. Those students then meet the book's author or illustrator during the Young Readers Festival of Books, either in person or online. This program is made possible by generous donors, including First Bank & Trust and Northern Hills Federal Credit Union. Working through SDHC’s Book Club To-Go program, approved hosts can also borrow up to 30 copies of any Young Readers One Book title and utilize a scholar to lead a book discussion.

2022

*Smashie McPerter and the Mystery of Room 11*
Written by N. Griffin
Illustrated by Kate Hindley

When their classroom's pet hamster goes missing, third grader Smashie McPerter and her best friend Dontel put on their Investigation Suits and start digging for clues … only to find that there might be more than one mystery afoot!

2021

*Imagine/Imagina*
Written by Juan Felipe Herrera
Illustrated by Lauren Castillo

Former U.S. Poet Laureate Herrera shares his coming-of-age story in lyrical prose accompanied by the imaginative illustrations of Castillo. This special edition includes both English and Spanish text.

2020

*Bink & Gollie: Three for One*
Written by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee
Illustrated by Tony Fucile

Setting out from their super-deluxe tree house and powered by plenty of peanut butter (for Bink) and pancakes (for Gollie), these friends are sure to find adventure! Enjoy three spectacular stories of two imaginative girls in one marvelous friendship!
2019
*Tatanka and Other Legends of the Lakota People*
Written & Illustrated by Donald F. Montileaux
Translated by Agnes Gay

This book collects three Lakota legends, as told by Montileaux and illustrated with his original artwork. Readers will learn about the origin of the Lakota and some of their most important cultural traditions in *Tatanka* and the Lakota People, *Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend*, and *Muskrat and Skunk: A Lakota Drum Story*. 

2018
*The Infamous Ratsos: Two Heads are Better than One*
Written by Kara Lareau
Illustrated by Matt Myers

Louie and Ralphie Ratso aren’t afraid of anything … are they? Teaming up might be the perfect solution in these two stories about brothers whose tough act goes off the rails.

2017
*Adventures on Deckawoo Drive: Volumes One, Two and Three*
Written by Kate DiCamillo
Illustrated by Chris Van Dusen

This spin-off of the Mercy Watson series includes three adventures featuring the buttered toast-eating porcine wonder and her neighbors: Leroy Ninker Saddles Up, Francine Poulet Meets the Ghost Raccoon, and Where Are You Going, Baby Lincoln? 

2016
*Andy Shane and Dolores Starbuckle: 4 Books in 1*
Written by Jennifer Richard Jacobson
Illustrated by Abby Carter

Andy Shane is quiet and thoughtful. Dolores Starbuckle is loud and opinionated. Can they possibly be friends? Find out in this special edition bind-in of four titles in the popular series!
2015

*Stink: Twice as Incredible*
Written by Megan McDonald
Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds

Meet Stink: a fact freak, a math maniac, a science star, and an encyclopedia enthusiast who goes all out in pursuit of adventure, often with hilarious results. With this special edition bind-in, you get two times the Stink in one book!

2014

*The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*
Written by Kate DiCamillo
Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

DiCamillo takes readers on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle – that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.