

**Wyoming Library Association  
Indian Paintbrush Committee Report  
September 27, 2005**

**April 16<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting**

Six members of the Indian Paintbrush Committee met in Casper at Casper College to choose the 2004-2005 Indian Paintbrush Award Winner and to determine the 2005-2006 Indian Paintbrush Nominees. Members present were: Mary Ellen Honsaker – Co-Chair, Joan Anderson – Co-Chair, Yvonne Baze, Cheryl Confer, Amy Shelley, and Lisa Smith. Noreen Stutheit and Carol Stewart had submitted their resignations earlier, though Carol sent in her reviews of her share of the nominated books. At the meeting we did fill both those positions with a “retiree” from Buckaroo, Sally Shambaugh, and Pilar Johnston – visiting with our member, Lisa. Both sat in with us for the last part of our discussions.

**2004-2005 Winner:** *Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo

**1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up:** *Double Fudge* by Judy Blume

**2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up:** *Partner’s in the Wilderness: Travis’s Choice* by Ed Kienzle

Total Votes Received: ..... **1,744**

\*Titles Considered for Nomination:..... **53**

\* These had all received 4 or more votes, there were probably 175 more that had 1-3 votes.

Participating Schools and Public Libraries..... **49**

Committee members had all been assigned some of the 53 books to review and check for criteria, and each presented what she had found to the group. Fifteen stood out after this as the final nominees with little question, considering the quality and diversity needed for this age group. The Committee also discussed some changes in the packet to make it clear that we want to count each individual child’s vote and nominations, rather than having a school just submit a title that we can only count as I vote. We will work on this before the new packet is put online.

Authors of the Winners, and publishers of winners and nominees, have been notified, with some e-mails and letters received back. The Committee worked and agreed online on packet changes.

**Indian Paintbrush Committee Members 2005-2006**

**WLA Members**

Mary Ellen Honsaker (Co-Chair)  
Cheryl Confer  
Lisa Smith  
Amy Shelley

**Wyoming State Reading Council Members**

Joan Anderson (Co-Chair)  
Yvonne Baze  
Sally Shambaugh  
Pilar Johnston

**Expenses**

Printing and Mailing of Indian Paintbrush Packets (combined with one other Award)... ??

(I never received an amount for this, just knew that it was done! ME)

**Web Page**

Thanks to work that took place before my time, last year was the first time that Indian Paintbrush was available to be downloaded on the WLA site: [wyla.org/paintbrush](http://wyla.org/paintbrush). The changes decided upon by the Committee this year were made and the packet made available once again online.

Mary Ellen Honsaker, Indian Paintbrush Co-Chair