

# teacher Connection

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## You're Invited to Battle!

You're invited to the 2nd Annual LVDL Battle of the Books, where these kids are ready to kick butt. They will answer trivia questions on the Caudill 2016 nominee books for points and prizes. Come cheer them on.

When: Thursday, March 31st, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Where: Lake Villa District Library, Rm. B



## State Awards

This year, we had 827 Monarch voters, 80 Bluestem voters, and 94 Caudill voters. Thanks for voting! This is what "won" from votes sent to LVDL:

- Monarch - *Breaking News Bear Alert*
- Bluestem - *Sidekicks*
- Caudill - *Cinder*

The new Caudill Nominee list for 2017 is already up at <http://tinyurl.com/jth94ep>. The other lists have not been released yet.

The 2017 Caudill list is really good! For teaching resources and book reviews on the new list, go to <http://tinyurl.com/j5ckjrf>.

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Are you ready for the most fun **CPDU workshop** yet? We will learn about the Caldecott award and committee, how to analyze picture book art, and how to hold a Mock Caldecott program at your school or in your classroom.

When: April 14th, 4:30-6:30 (2CEs)

Where: Lake Villa District Library

Register: <http://www.lvdl.org/events/cpdu-mock-caldecott>

Based on two separate research studies, *Picturing Writing* and *The Whole Book Approach*, data has shown that students who study how art is made and analyze picture book art not only improve their reading comprehension and writing skills, but their creativity and vocabulary skyrocket. These methods are particularly effective with Title I, special education and ELL students.

After learning about how to look at art, we will debate over a collection of 2015 picture books, which book should get our LVDL Mock Caldecott award (in the same style and fashion as the real ALSC Caldecott committee). Did we mention there would be Jimmy Johns (two hours requires sustenance)?

We have some new books on engineering and the design process to help you with your STEMscopes on Engineering Solutions (structural engineering).

- *Design Thinking* by Kristin Fontichiaro
- *The Kids' Guide to Sports Design and Engineering* by Thomas Adamson
- *Aerospace Engineering and the Principles of Flight* by Anne Rooney
- *Building Roads* by Rebecca Steffoff
- *Restoring Structures* by Jennifer Zeiger
- *Design and Engineering: Buildings* by Alex Woolf
- *Stone Age Science: Buildings and Structures* by Felicia Law and Gerry Bailey
- *Structures* by Gerry Bailey and Steve Way
- *Skyscrapers: Superstructures to Design & Build* by Carol Johmann
- *Skyscrapers: Investigate Feats of Engineering* by Donna Latham
- *Cool Structures* by Andrew Hanson and Elissa Mann

