

A blurred photograph of a busy classroom or workshop. In the foreground, a person wearing a bright yellow shirt is captured in motion, moving from left to right. In the background, several students are seated at long white tables, some working on projects or writing. A woman with long dark hair is leaning over a table, interacting with a student. The room is dimly lit, with desk lamps providing light. The overall atmosphere is one of active learning and collaboration.

Nominated Candidates 2015

ASTRID LINDGREN MEMORIAL AWARD 2015

The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA) is an international reading promotion project for children and young adults. Authors, illustrators, oral storytellers and promoters of reading are eligible for the award. An expert jury selects the laureate(s) from the list of nominated candidates. Organisations from countries all over the world are invited to nominate, thereby promoting literature for young readers and stimulating reading promotion. These nominating bodies represent extensive and in-depth knowledge of children's and young adult literature. Therefore the nominated candidates give a good overview of contemporary literature for the young and reading promotion activities globally. The nominating bodies for the 2015 award are presented on www.alma.se.

For the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2015, 197 candidates from 61 countries are nominated. The laureate or laureates will be announced in Stockholm and at Bologna Children's Book Fair on March 31, 2015 at 1:00 pm.

Children have the right to good, entertaining, innovative, provocative and complex literature. The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award is the world's largest award for children's and young adult literature and our work is based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, this year celebrating its 25th anniversary. The award is presented to people and organisations safeguarding democratic values.

The award amounts to SEK 5 million and is given annually to a single laureate or to several. The Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award was founded by the Swedish government in 2002 and is administrated by the Swedish Arts Council.

**SWEDISH
ARTS COUNCIL**

NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR 2015

Argentina

Luján, Jorge *Author*

Abuelas Cuentacuentos: the Storytelling Grandmothers
Organisation

Australia

Dubosarsky, Ursula *Author*

Fox, Mem *Author*

Gleeson, Libby *Author*

Gleitzman, Morris *Author*

Belarus

Lipsky, Vladimir *Author*

Belgium

Cneut, Carll *Illustrator*

Godon, Ingrid *Illustrator*

Herbauts, Anne *Author/Illustrator*

Lavachery, Thomas *Author*

Moeyaert, Bart *Author*

Rascal *Oral storyteller*

Wabbes, Marie *Author/Illustrator*

Verplancke, Klaas *Illustrator*

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dubočanin, Alija Hasagić *Author*

Iličić, Jagoda *Author*

Brazil

Mello, Roger *Illustrator*

British Virgin Islands

Stoutt, Elmore *Oral storyteller*

Canada

Canadian Children's Book Centre *Organisation*

Ellis, Sarah *Author*

Hébert, Marie-Francine *Author*

Colombia

Da Coll, Ivar *Author/Illustrator*

Croatia

Paljetak, Luko *Author*

Czech Republic

Nikl, Petr *Author/Illustrator*

Denmark

Aakeson, Kim Fupz *Author*

Karrebæk, Dorte *Illustrator*

Pardi, Charlotte *Illustrator*

Strid, Jakob Martin *Illustrator*

Estonia

Raud, Piret *Author*

Zarip, Catherine *Illustrator*

Faroe Islands

Helmsdal, Rakel *Author*

Finland

Kunnas, Mauri *Author/Illustrator*

Nopola, Sinikka & Tiina *Authors*

Parvela, Timo *Author*

Rönns, Christel *Illustrator*

Sandman Lilius, Irmelin *Author/Illustrator*

Tiainen, Marja-Leena *Author*

Vuori, Julia *Illustrator*

France

A.C.C.E.S. *Organisation*
Douzou, Olivier *Author/Illustrator*
Mourlevat, Jean-Claude *Author*
Murail, Marie-Aude *Author*
Patte, Geneviève *Promoter of reading*
Place, François *Illustrator*
Satrapi, Marjane *Author/Illustrator*
Ungerer, Tomi *Author/Illustrator*

Georgia

Kintsurashvili, Sophia *Illustrator*
Pkhakadze, Tamar *Author*
Topuria, Tea *Author*

Germany

Berner, Rotraut Susanne *Illustrator*
Blau, Aljoscha *Author/Illustrator*
Erlbruch, Wolf *Illustrator*
International Youth Library *Organisation*
Muggenthaler, Eva *Author/Illustrator*
Pressler, Mirjam *Author*
Richter, Jutta *Author*
Schroeder, Binette *Illustrator*

Greece

Pateraki, Giolanda *Author*
Petrovits-Andrutsopolou, Loty *Author*
Trivizas, Eugene *Author*
Voulgari, Sassa *Oral storyteller*
Zei, Alki *Author*

Greenland

Godtfredsen, Nuka *Author*
Rex, Christian F. *Illustrator*

Hungary

Csukás, István *Author*
Marék, Veronika *Author/Illustrator*
Tasnádi, István *Author*

Iceland

Áslaug Jónsdóttir *Author/Illustrator*
Kristín Helga Gunnarsdóttir *Author*

India

A & A Book Trust *Organisation*
Katha *Organisation*
Pratham Books *Organisation*
Tara Books *Organisation*
Tulika Publishers *Organisation*

Indonesia

Bunanta, Murti *Promoter of reading/Oral storyteller*
(with KPBA)
Kelompok Pencinta Bacaan Anak (KPBA) *Organisation*

Iran

Ahmadi, Ahmad Reza *Author*
Baniasadi, Mohammed Ali *Illustrator*
Donya Children's Research Institute *Organisation*
Goldouzian, Ali Reza *Illustrator*
Mesghali, Farshid *Illustrator*
Mirhadi, Touran *Promoter of reading*
Rahmandoost, Mostafa *Author*

Ireland

Colfer, Eoin *Author*

Israel

Modan, Rutu *Author/Illustrator*

Italy

Alemagna, Beatrice *Author/Illustrator*
Cooperativa Culturale Giannino Stoppani *Organisation*
Fanelli, Sara *Author/Illustrator*
Hamelin Associazione Culturale *Organisation*
Lampedusa Library *Organisation*
Masini, Beatrice *Author*
Negrin, Fabian *Illustrator*
Tullio Altan, Fransesco *Illustrator*

Japan

Komagata, Katsumi *Author/Illustrator*
Matsuoka, Kyoko *Promoter of reading*

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Gwang, So Yong *Promoter of reading/Oral storyteller*

Republic of Korea

Baek, Heena *Illustrator*

Latvia

Cielēna, Māra *Author*
Petersons, Reinis *Illustrator*

Lebanon

Touma, Nadine *Author*

Lithuania

Kasparavičius, Kestutis *Author/Illustrator*

Malta

Azzopardi, Andreas *Author*

Mexico

Magallanes, Alejandro *Author/Illustrator*
National Reading Rooms Program *Organisation*

Moldova

Vangheli, Spiridon *Author*

Montenegro

Kršenković Brković, Dragana *Author*

The Netherlands

Dematons, Charlotte *Illustrator*
Geelen, Harrie *Author/Illustrator*
Gestel, Peter van *Author*
Jonge, Harm de *Author*
Lieshout, Ted van *Author*
Törnqvist, Marit *Illustrator*
Valckx, Catharina *Author/Illustrator*

New Zealand

Cowley, Joy *Promoter of reading*
Dodd, Lynley *Author/Illustrator*

Norway

Bringsværd, Tor Åge *Author*
Dahle, Gro *Author* (with Nyhus, Svein)
Eeg, Harald Rosenløw *Author*
Ekman, Fam *Author/Illustrator*
Kaldhol, Marit *Author*
Moursund, Gry *Illustrator*
Nyhus, Svein *Illustrator* (with Dahle, Gro)
Solberg, Lisa Aisato N'jie *Author/Illustrator*
Torseter, Øyvind *Illustrator*

Peru

Caballero de Cueto, Lilly *Promoter of reading*

The Philippines

Lapeña-Bonifacio, Amelia *Author*
Sta. Romana-Cruz, Neni *Author/Promoter of reading*

Poland

All of Poland Reads to Kids (ABCXXI) *Organisation*
Piekarska, Małgorzata Karolina *Author*
Pienkowski, Jan *Illustrator*

Portugal

Botelho, Margarida *Promoter of reading*

Mota, António *Author*

Russian Federation

Bumper Children's Book Bus *Organisation*

Givargizov, Arthur *Author*

Lubaev, Sergey *Illustrator*

Oleinikov, Igor *Illustrator*

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Ottley-Mitchell, Carol *Author*

Serbia

Olujić, Grozdana *Author*

Ršumović, Ljubivoje *Author*

Slovenia

Stepančič, Damijan *Illustrator*

Vidmar, Janja *Author*

South Africa

Biblioneef SA *Organisation*

Daly, Niki *Illustrator*

Grobler, Piet *Illustrator*

Naidoo, Beverley *Author*

PRAESA *Organisation*

Spain

Centro Internacional del Libro Infantil y Juvenil

(CILIJ) *Organisation*

Municipi Lector *Organisation*

Odriozola, Elena *Illustrator*

Sierra i Fabra, Jordi *Author*

Zabala, Javier *Illustrator*

Sweden

Eriksson, Eva *Illustrator*

Grähs, Gunna *Illustrator*

Hellsing, Lennart *Author*

Lindström, Eva *Author/Illustrator*

Lööf, Jan *Illustrator*

Stark, Ulf *Author*

Tidholm, Anna-Clara *Author/Illustrator*

Tidholm, Thomas *Author*

Wikland, Ilon *Illustrator*

Zak, Monica *Author/Oral storyteller/Promoter of reading*

Switzerland

Albertine *Illustrator*

Taiwan

Liao, Jimmy *Author/Illustrator*

Thailand

Tai Wisdom Association *Organisation*

Tunisia

Karray, Raouf *Illustrator*

Turkey

AÇEV (Mother and Child Education Foundation)
Organisation

Göknil, Can *Author*

United Kingdom

Ahlberg, Allan *Author*

Almond, David *Author*

Briggs, Raymond *Author/Illustrator*

Burgess, Melvin *Author*

Chambers, Aidan *Author*

Chambers, Aidan & Nancy *Promoters of reading*

Cooper, Susan *Author*

Foreman, Michael *Author/Illustrator*

Gaiman, Neil *Author*

Hallworth, Grace *Author/Oral storyteller*

Hughes, Shirley *Author/Illustrator*

Letterbox Library *Organisation*

Meek Spencer, Margaret *Promoter of reading*
Morpurgo, Michael *Author*
Ness, Patrick *Author*
Rosen, Michael *Author*
Rosoff, Meg *Author*

USA

Banyai, Istvan *Illustrator*
Carle, Eric *Author/Illustrator*
Children's Literature New England (CLNE)
& The Examined Life (EXL) *Organisations*

Kalman, Maira *Author/Illustrator*
Le Guin, Ursula *Author*
Pellowski, Anne *Oral storyteller*
Sís, Peter *Illustrator*
Wiesner, David *Illustrator*
Yep, Laurence *Author*

Zambia

Lubuto Library Project *Organisation*



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