**TEXAS BLUEBONNET AWARD 2021-2022 NOMINEES**

**Winner:** OLDEST STUDENT: HOW MARY WALKER LEARNED TO READ by Rita Lorraine Hubbard  
BR 23181 (Braille only)  
Born into slavery where literacy is forbidden, Mary Walker, the nation’s oldest student, learned to read at the age of 116. Print/braille. For grades K-3. 2020.

BEST OF IGGY by Annie Barrows  
DB 97976.  
Relates three times that nine-year-old Iggy got into trouble, two of which he does not regret and one for which he is very, very sorry. Commercial audiobook. For grades 2-4. 2020.

BLACK BROTHER, BLACK BROTHER by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
DB 98876  
Suspended unjustly from elite Middlefield Prep, Donte Ellison studies fencing with a former champion, hoping to put the racist fencing team captain in his place. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2020.

CANYON’S EDGE by Dusti Bowling  
DB 100926  
A year after the death of her mother in a restaurant shooting, Nora is left struggling to stay alive when a climbing trip with her father goes terribly wrong. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2020.

EFREN DIVided by Ernesto Cisneros  
DB 101951  
While his father works two jobs, seventh grader Efrén Nava must take care of his twin siblings, kindergartners Max and Mía, after their mother is deported to Mexico. Commercial audiobook. Pura Belpré Award. For grades 3-6. 2020.

ELEPHANT’S GIRL by Celesta Rimington  
DB 99945  
Twelve-year-old Lexington, a foundling raised in a zoo, spends a summer cementing friendships, growing closer to the elephant that saved her life, and learning about her family and herself. Commercial audiobook. For grades 4-7. 2020.

HONEYBEE: THE BUSY LIFE OF APIS MELLIFERA by Candace Fleming  
DB 102003  
Award-winning author describes the life cycle of the hard-working honeybee. For grades K-3. 2020.
INCREDIBLY DEAD PETS OF REX DEXTER by Aaron Reynolds
DB 100564
Cursed by a vintage game, sixth-grader Rex Dexter uses his new ability to communicate with dead animals to investigate the mysterious deaths of endangered zoo animals. Commercial audiobook. For grades 3-6. 2020.

LEXI MAGILL AND THE TELEPORTATION TOURNAMENT by Kim Long
BR 23089 (Braille only)
Science whiz Lexi won’t let anything stop her from winning Wisconsin’s Teleportation Tournament, the annual competition where teams teleport around the world to solve STEM-based puzzles. But her teammates put a wrench in her plans when they misread a clue. For grades 3-6. 2019.

SCARY STORIES FOR YOUNG FOXES by Christina McKay Heidicker
DB 98301
A collection of connected terrifying tales that follows a group of fox kits as they fight to survive in an unforgiving wilderness. For grades 4-7. 2019.

TRISTAN STRONG PUNCHES HOLES IN THE SKY (1st in series) by Kwame Mbalia
DB 97719
Tristan Strong tumbles into the volatile MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky. Commercial audiobook. For grades 5-8. 2021.

WAYS TO MAKE SUNSHINE by Renee Watson
DB 100041
Portland, Oregon. After her father starts a new job, money is tight and Ryan has a lot on her mind with all of the changes. But no matter what, Ryan tries to bring sunshine to her loved ones. For grades 3-6. 2020.

Not in NLS Collection
ACT by Kayla Miller

FOLLOW THOSE ZEBRAS: SOLVING A MIGRATION MYSTERY by Sandra Markle

HATFUL OF DRAGONS: AND MORE THAN 13.8 BILLION OTHER FUNNY POEMS by Vikram Madan

OUR FRIEND HEDGEHOG: THE STORY OF US by Lauren Castillo

SECRET GARDEN OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER by Gene Barretta

SHARUKO: PERUVIAN ARCHAEOLOGIST JULIO C TELLO by Monica Brown

SOMEPLACE TO CALL HOME by Sandra Dallas

WORDS ON FIRE by Jennifer A Nielson