Call for Roundtable Participants: Phoenix Award Session  
Deadline: October 1, 2019

47th Annual Children's Literature Association Conference  
Hosted by University of Washington  
June 18-20, 2020

The Phoenix Award Committee and the Phoenix Picture Book Award Committee of the Children's Literature Association are planning a joint session at the 47th Children's Literature Association Conference, held in Bellevue from June 18-20, 2020, and hosted by the University of Washington. The Phoenix Awards recognize exceptional books published twenty years previously that did not win a major award at the time, but that the committees have determined to be of lasting value.


For 2020, this session will take the form of a roundtable rather than a traditional panel to encourage more discussion and interaction among presenters and attendees. Roundtable organizers seek 250-word proposals for 5-8 minutes’ worth of remarks that focus scholarly or pedagogical attention on the winning and honor books, particularly as they relate to the conference theme of Sustainability Through Story: Eco-Justice, Children's Literature, and Childhood, issues of representation, and/or intersection of texts. We will invite our 2020 Phoenix authors and illustrators to attend and hope that they will join in the roundtable discussion.

Proposals are due by October 1, 2019, to the two chairs: Phoenix Committee Chair Gabrielle Halko (ghalko@wcupa.edu) and Phoenix Picture Book Committee Chair Ramona Caponegro (rcaponeg@emich.edu).

Authors will be notified by October 10, 2019, if their proposals have been selected as part of the roundtable. Please note that participation in the roundtable does not preclude submitting a proposal for an additional full-length paper on a different topic. The call deadline for the 2020 ChLA conference is October 15, 2019.