

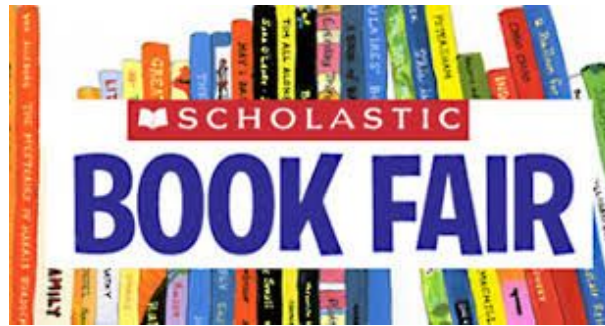
## WHAT IS THE BLUESTEM PROGRAM?



The Bluestem Program is a voluntary reading program sponsored by the Monroe Center Library. It is an Illinois "Children's Choice Award" list of 20 books by 20 different authors nominated by students in grades 3-5. The list always includes a variety of genres. In March, students will vote for their favorite Bluestem title. The author with the most votes statewide wins the Bluestem award for the year.

At Monroe Center Library, students who chose to participate in this reading program can earn **PRIZES** by reading books from the list. (See your student's separate Bluestem handout for this year's list and prize details.)

- Students can acquire copies at MC Library, Julia Hull public library, Byron Public library, or ERead digital copies.
- Students must pass an AR quiz on each title to receive the prize for reading it.
- Prizes are distributed during class library time



**The library will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair during parent/teacher conferences. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:**

**WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 3RD  
and  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 10TH**

**Give the gift of reading to your student!**



## **Monroe Center Library**

**Meridian CUSD#223**



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### **HOURS**



**8:00am - 3:00pm**

**Students will visit the library weekly with their class, but they can also visit during open time slots**

*"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book"*

*~ Dr. Suess*

