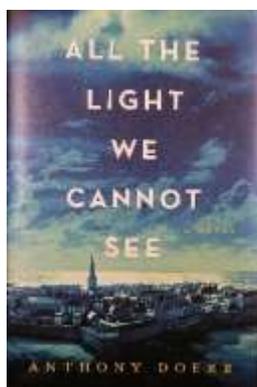




The 2015 Alex Award Winners
A BooksTalk presentation by Wyatt P. and Mindy P.
Presented at the Charles H. Gere Branch - December 14th, 2015

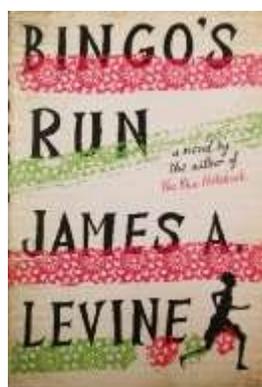
The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18. The winning titles are selected from the previous year's publishing. The Alex Awards were first given annually beginning in 1998 and became an official ALA award in 2002.

The award is sponsored by the Margaret A. Edwards Trust. Edwards pioneered young adult library services and worked for many years at the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore. Her work is described in her book *Fair Garden and the Swarm of Beasts*, and over the years she has served as an inspiration to many librarians who serve young adults. The Alex Awards are named after Edwards, who was called "Alex" by her friends.



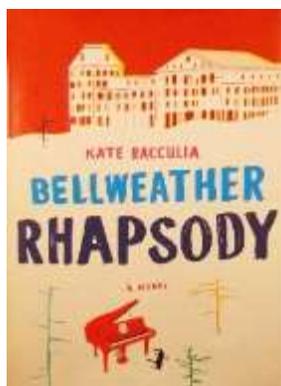
[All the Light We Cannot See](#) by Anthony Doerr

A blind Parisian girl and an orphaned German boy conscripted by the Nazis for his radio skills meet in the chaos of the American bombing of a French coastal resort.



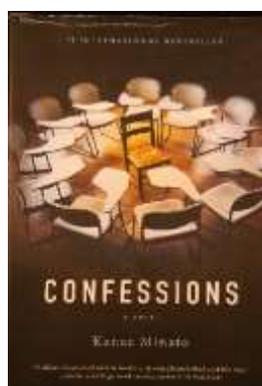
[Bingo's Run](#) by James A. Levine

The ultimate hustler, Bingo uses his brains and charm to run drugs in a Kenyan slum, but after witnessing a murder he finds himself an art dealer, an adoptee, and someone caught in a dangerous moral dilemma.



[Bellweather Rhapsody](#) by Kate Racculia

High-school students gather at the isolated Bellweather Hotel for a statewide music festival only to be trapped by a blizzard with an arrogant fingerless conductor, drunken chaperones, a missing corpse, and perhaps the ghosts of long-dead newlyweds.



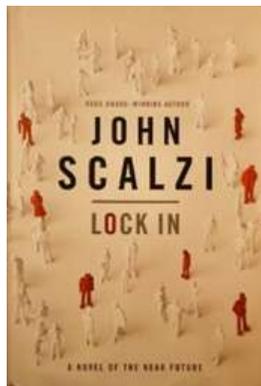
[Confessions](#) by Kanae Minato, translated by Stephen Snyder

Japanese teacher Yuko knows two middle-school students killed her daughter, and nothing in their explanations of why and how will stop her revenge.



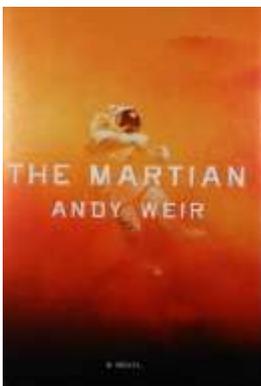
[Everything I Never Told You](#) by Celeste Ng

Lydia is dead. Is it murder? Suicide? As her family grieves for their perfect teen, they learn how little they really knew Lydia and how many secrets died with her.



[Lock In](#) by John Scalzi

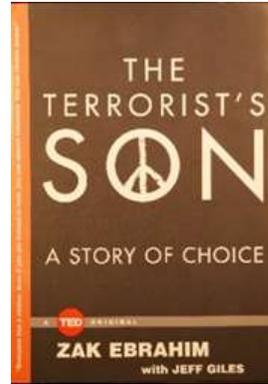
A virus leaves millions as “Hadens”—locked in and fully aware, but unable to move or speak except when linked to androids. Chris is one of them, working as a rookie FBI agent hunting a murderer who is targeting Hadens.



[The Martian](#) by Andy Weir

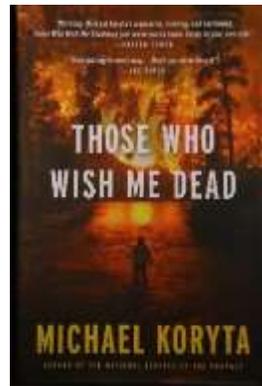
Marooned on Mars after a tragic accident, astronaut Mark Watney’s supplies are running low and he has no way to signal Earth. Fortunately Mark can grow space potatoes and has a bold plan to escape the Red Planet.

[The Terrorist’s Son: A Story of Choice](#) by Zak Ebrahim with Jeff



Giles This true account of Zak Ebrahim, whose father was responsible for the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, is a powerful book about tolerance and choice.

[Those Who Wish Me Dead](#) by Michael Koryta



On the day Jace conquers the highest jump of the quarry, he discovers a murder victim and begins to run for his life.

[Wolf in White Van](#) by John Darnielle



After his face is destroyed, Sean manages to carve out a life for himself as a designer of virtual role-playing games. When two teens take the game too far, Sean is forced to relive all his moves