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## **2020 IBBY Award Winners to be Revealed on 4 May during IBBY's Digital Press Conference**

The International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) will publish its annual press conference digitally on Monday, 4 May using social media platforms.

During the event, IBBY will launch its official statement of support for the **United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Non-Discrimination**. It will also release the latest news regarding the 37<sup>th</sup> IBBY World Congress due to take place in Moscow, Russia in September.

Furthermore, IBBY will announce the winners of the 2020 Hans Christian Andersen Award, the IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award and the first winners of the IBBY-iRead Outstanding Reading Promoter Award.

The **Hans Christian Andersen Award** is the highest international recognition given to an author and an illustrator of children's books. Nami Island Inc. has been the generous sponsor of the Award since 2009. The 2020 Award comprises 34 author nominees and 36 illustrator nominees. The shortlist of six authors and six illustrators was announced in January and a short film introducing the shortlist was released in mid-March. The shortlist film can be viewed on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8gbY-CB05kl>).

The **IBBY-Asahi Reading Promotion Award** is given biennially to one group or institution whose outstanding activities are judged to be making a lasting contribution to reading promotion programmes for children and young people. The Award was established in 1986 and is sponsored by the Asahi Shimbun – one of Japan's leading newspaper companies. Twenty-five projects were nominated for the 2020 Award. The prize of USD 10,000 and a diploma is presented to the winning project at the biennial IBBY Congress.

The **IBBY-iRead Outstanding Reading Promoter Award** was established by the Shenzhen iRead Foundation and IBBY to encourage a real commitment to the cause of reading promotion in the hope of spreading this dedication to others around the globe. From the nineteen nominees, two winners will each receive 200,000 RMB Yuan (approx. USD 28,000) and, in addition 150,000 RMB Yuan will be given to a non-profit children's reading promotion project of their choice.

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