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Report to the WLA Executive Board from Wyoming Book Awards Advisor

The winners of the Wyoming Book Awards for 2016-2017 are as follows:

- **Soaring Eagle:** *Everything, Everything* by Nicola Yoon with 65 votes
  - 1st Runner Up: *Six of Crows* by Leigh Bardugo with 30 votes
  - 2nd Runner Up: *Code of Honor* by Alan Gratz with 21 votes

- **Indian Paintbrush:** *A Night Divided* by Jennifer A. Nielsen with 249 votes
  - 1st Runner Up: *El Deafo* by Cece Bell with 192 votes
  - 2nd Runner Up: *Skeleton Tree* by Iain Lawrence with 162 votes

- **Buckaroo Book:** *There’s a Lion in my Cornflakes* by Michelle Robinson with 1,046 votes
  - 1st Runner Up: *Frog on a Log?* by Kes Gray with 1,039 votes
  - 2nd Runner Up: *Ragweed’s Farm Dog Handbook* by Anne Kennedy with 939 votes

Interesting facts from the committees:

- There were 207 votes cast for Soaring Eagle, 1,417 for Indian Paintbrush and 6,644 for Buckaroo Book.
- Buckaroo participation was up 635 votes this year, about 11%.
- Buckaroo Committee donated $75 to the Pilcrow Foundation in honor of the winning author, Michelle Robinson, and received a very nice thank you from them and from the author.
- Buckaroo sent a plaque to the winning author.
- Indian Paintbrush participation was up 480 votes this year.

The 3 awards are sponsored and supported by both Wyoming Library Association and the Wyoming State Reading Council (WSRC). WSRC is reinventing themselves and want to continue sponsoring this award program. I will continue to be in contact with WSRC and update WLA as issues/possibilities arise.

Respectfully submitted 8/4/2017

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