2023 CLEL Bell Awards
Shortlist

READ

● A Library by Nikki Giovanni, illustrated by Erin K. Robinson (Versify, September 27, 2022)
● Bathe the Cat by Alice B. McGinty, illustrated by David Roberts (Chronicle Books, February 8, 2022)
● Dear Reader: A Love Letter to Libraries by Tiffany Rose (little bee books, February 8, 2022)
● Everywhere With You by Carlie Sorosiak, illustrated by Devon Holzwarth (Walker Books US, May 24, 2022)
● The Book That Did Not Want to Be Read by David Sundin (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, March 1, 2022)

WRITE

● 123 ZOOM by Chieu Anh Urban (Little Simon, April 19, 2022)
● Enzo Y Su Arte/Enzo and His Art by Jessica Spanyol (Childs Play Intl Ltd; Bilingual edition, August 31, 2022)
● Every Dog in the Neighborhood by Philip C. Stead, illustrated by Matthew Cordell (Neal Porter Books, June 21, 2022)
● The Gift by Alain Serge Dzotap, illustrated by Delphine Renon (Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, February 15, 2022)
● Sallie Bee Writes a Thank-You Note by Susan Verde and Courtney Sheinmel, illustrated by Heather Ross (Harry N. Abrams, November 1, 2022)

TALK
• Get Together by Miguel Ordóñez (Rise x Penguin Workshop, December 21, 2021)
• How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First Guide to Outside by Kari Percival (Rise x Penguin Workshop, February 22, 2022)
• Miss Rita, Mystery Reader by Sam Donovan & Kristen Wixted, illustrated by Violet Tobacco (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, May 3, 2022)
• Tell Me a Lion Story by Kara Kramer (Candlewick, May 24, 2022)
• What’s Your Name? by Bethanie Deeney Murguia (Candlewick, November 8, 2022)

PLAY

• Again, Essie? by Jenny Lacika, illustrated by Teresa Martinez (Charlesbridge, May 3, 2022)
• Animals Move by Jane Whittingham (Pajama Press, March 29, 2022)
• Baby’s Here! by Jessica Young, illustrated by Genevieve Godbout (Clarion Books, May 31, 2022)
• Playtime for Restless Rascals by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Elizabeth Zunon (Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, September 6, 2022)
• On a Rainy Day by Sarah LuAnn Perkins (Viking Books for Young Readers, March 29, 2022)

SING

• Build a House by Rhiannon Giddens, illustrated by Monica Mikai (Candlewick, October 11, 2022)
• Hush, Little Trucker by Kim Norman, illustrated by Toshiki Nakamura (Harry N. Abrams, February 1, 2022)
• Song in the City by Daniel Bernstrom, illustrated by Jenin Mohammed (Amistad Books for Young Readers, September 6, 2022)
• Still This Love Goes On by Buffy Sainte-Marie illustrated by Julie Flett (Greystone Kids, September 27, 2022)
• Welcome to the Cypher by Khodi Dill, illustrated by Awuradwoa Afful (Annick Press, November 30, 2021)