



## Reading Committee Guidelines

If you are interested in participating in the Nevada Young Readers' Award (NYRA) selection committee, you must be a current member of the Nevada Library Association (NLA).

Each participating member needs to pick one category to read from (Picture Books grades K-2, Young Reader grades 3-5, Intermediate grades 6-8, or Young Adult grades 9-12) and read all the books that were recommended in that category. Participating members may read more than one category.

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| June, July, August, September, and October | <p>Encourage students to recommend books that have been published within the past 3 years to be considered for the NYRA award.</p> <p>Try to read the nominations as they come in. You don't want to be overwhelmed in February/March.</p>  |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup>                  | <p>Have all student recommendations in by this date. NYRA Chair will finalize the recommended list. Once the NYRA chair finalizes the recommended list, the list will be posted on the NYRA website.</p> <p>Read, Read, Read!</p>   |
| November, December, January, February      | <p>Read, Read, Read!</p> <p>Communicate with other NYRA readers. See what they are enjoying. NYRA is on <a href="http://goodreads.com">goodreads.com</a>. Look up your category and see what the other NYRA members across the state are enjoying.</p>  |
| January/February                           | <p>NYRA chair will announce the date and locations of the statewide teleconference to narrow down the recommended books to the finalists, for students to read the following school year.</p>   |
| March- First Week                          | <p>Have all the books read in your category and make a top ten list to take to the teleconference.</p>  |
| March- Middle                              | <p>Attend the teleconference to decide the finalists for students to vote on the following year. The Picture Book category has 8 finalists, and the other categories have 6 finalists.</p> <p>Make sure your selections are appropriate for the age level in your category. Try to have a variety of genres in the finalists. The list needs to appeal to a wide range of kids with different backgrounds.</p> <p>It is recommended to have half the final books in the category to be at a lower reading level, and the other half at a higher reading level.</p> <p>Volunteer to write a book review on one of the finalists. Book reviews will be used by teachers and librarians to promote the NYRA books.</p> |
| April/May                                  | <p>Submit reviews to the NYRA chair.</p>  |