



# Student and Facilitator Guidelines

## To Recommend a Book

Only Nevada children and students may recommend books for consideration for the Nevada Young Readers' Award.

For a book to be considered for the Nevada Young Readers' Award, it must have been published within the past three years (current year included).

Students must fill out the Recommendation Form on the Nevada Young Readers' Award website at <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/awards/nyra.html> by November 15 of each year. Any recommendations submitted after November 15 will be rolled over to the following year, provided that the recommended book meets the copyright criteria.

A recommended book must appeal to the audience of the category in which it is recommended. The Nevada Young Readers' Award has four categories:

- Picture Book *K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade and General Audience*
- Young Reader *3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*
- Intermediate *6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade*
- Young Adult *9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade*

## To Vote for a Book in the Picture Book and Young Reader Categories

Only Nevada children and students may vote for the Nevada Young Readers' Award.

Students must submit votes to their school librarian, teacher, public librarian, or educational facilitator.

Students may vote in more than one category.

To be eligible to vote in the Picture Book or Young Reader category, students must have been exposed to half of the nominated titles in the category by reading the books themselves and/or having the books read to them.

Voting must be conducted by a responsible adult. Voting is encouraged in each classroom, school library, media center, and public library. Readers are asked to vote in only one location.

After all student voting has been completed in a location, all votes should be merged into one ballot, showing the voting location's totals per book, per category. All location ballots need to be submitted to the Nevada Young Readers' Award Chairperson by May 15 via the Nevada Young Readers' Award website at <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/awards/nyra.html>.

The Nevada Young Readers' Award Chairperson will count the votes from each location and announce the winning books by May 22.

## **To Vote for a Book in the Intermediate and Young Adult Categories**

Only Nevada children and students may vote for the Nevada Young Readers' Award.

Students may vote in more than one category.

Students must submit their votes online using the Nevada Young Readers' Award website at <http://www.nevadalibraries.org/awards/nyra.html>. Voting in the Intermediate and Young Adult categories consists of rating each nominated title on a scale of 1 to 5. Students may log on and vote each time they finish a book, but may rate each title only once. Students need not have read a minimum number of nominated titles in order to rate a book.

All ratings must be submitted by May 15.

The Nevada Young Readers' Award Chairperson will compile the ratings for each title and announce the winning books by May 22.