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.

**June, July, August, September, and October**

- Encourage students to recommend books that have been published within the past 3 years to be considered for the NYRA award.
- Try to read the nominations as they come in. You don’t want to be overwhelmed in February/March.

**November 15th**

- 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.
- Read, Read, Read!

**November, December, January, February**

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- Communicate with other NYRA readers. See what they are enjoying. NYRA is on goodreads.com. Look up your category and see what the other NYRA members across the state are enjoying.

**January/February**

- 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.

**March- First Week**

- Have all the books read in your category and make a top ten list to take to the teleconference.

**March- Middle**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

**April/May**

- Submit reviews to the NYRA chair.

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