

THE NYRA INFORMATION SHEET

THE AWARDS...

1. The Nevada Young Reader's Award was first established in the fall of 1987 by the Nevada Department of Education with the generous support of librarians and teachers. In its first year there were only 4,106 student votes in 14 schools. Since then, the award has grown each year.
2. The Nevada Young Readers' Award is sponsored by the Nevada Library Association
3. The purpose of the Nevada Young Readers' Award is to encourage Nevada youth to read modern works of juvenile literature; develop a love of reading and lifelong reading habits; and promotes a sense of community through a statewide reading program.
4. The award is presented in four categories: Picture Books, Young Reader, Intermediate and Young Adult.
5. The winning book in each category is one nominated by Nevada's young readers, read by Nevada's young readers and voted on by Nevada's young readers.
6. The Nevada Young Readers' Award for the previous school year is presented at the Nevada Library Association Conference which meets in the fall of each year.

TO BE NOMINATED...

1. A book must appeal to the category in which it is nominated; be a title recommended by a Nevada young reader; Picture books must go in the picture book category; novelizations are not eligible; Adapted by are not eligible; retellings are eligible; all authors are eligible; and the book needs to have been published in the United States within the last three years (including the current year).

2. Recommendations are accepted if submitted by student readers to their school or public librarian or classroom teacher. The current Recommendation form must be filled out, or an email sent to the current chairperson with the required information by November 15th of each year.
3. Recommended books are read by the Interest group members and narrowed down to a list of six to eight books in each category at the March meeting. Once this list is created, books are considered "Nominated Titles".

TO VOTE...

1. Readers have one vote in each reading category as long as they have been exposed to the nominated titles by:
 - Reading the books(s) themselves, or
 - Having the book(s) read to them, or
 - A combination of the above, and
 - Have read at least half of the nominated titles in that category.
2. 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 individual voting is completed, all ballots should be merged to determine the total number of votes for each title. Merged ballots should then be submitted, prior to the May 15th deadline.
3. The book receiving the highest number of votes in each category will be deemed the winning title.

