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Grand Canyon Reader Award



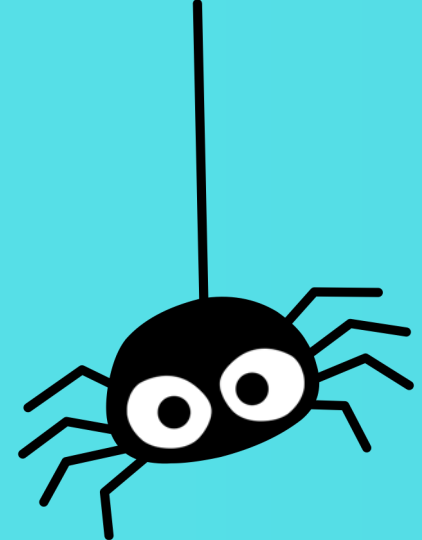
Get the Kids Involved!



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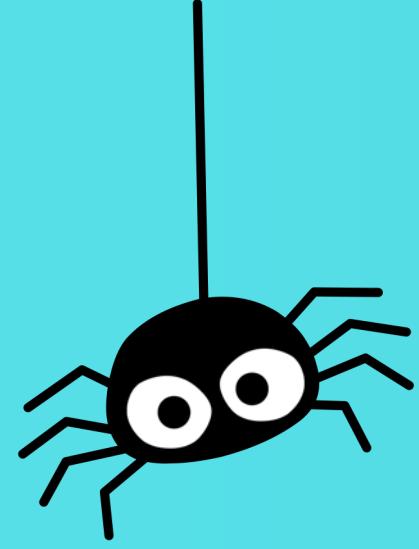


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What is it?



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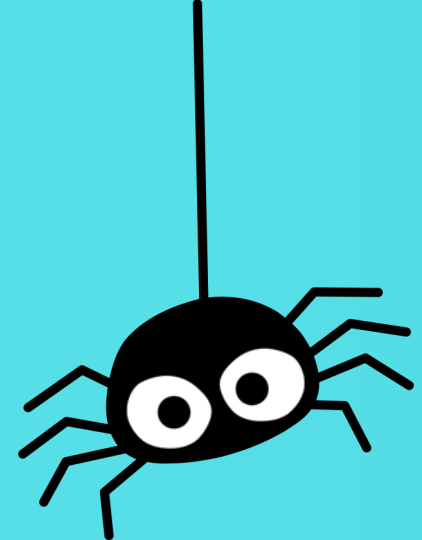
What is it?

- An Opportunity for Arizona Kids to be involved in a book award selection process.



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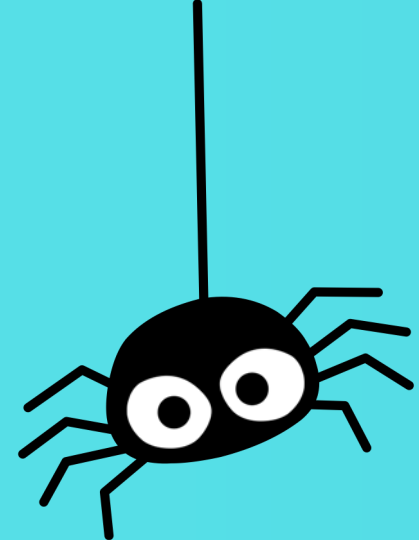


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How Does it Work?



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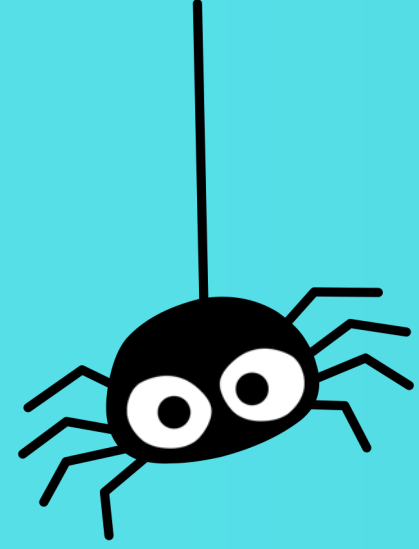
How Does It Work?

- Categories with 10 nominees each
 - Picture Books
 - Non-Fiction (elementary)
 - Intermediate (chapter books)
 - Tween
 - Teen (non-voting)



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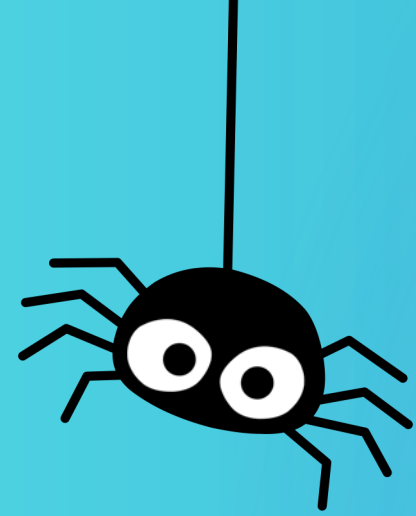
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- Kids read, or are read to
- Kids vote (open January - March)
- Kids can also nominate books for future
- Category committees (adults) read & hone the nominee lists



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How to Get Started:

- Order the books
 - published on GCRA website by late fall of prior year.
- Promote the program to students and families
- Remind readers about voting



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GRAND CANYON READER AWARD

This award is sponsored by the [Arizona Library Association](#).

The Grand Canyon Reader Award is a reader award program for students in Arizona. Students can nominate a book in the following categories: Picture, Non-Fiction, Intermediate, and Tween.

Kerrlita Westrick and Shirley Berow are the Co-chairs of the Grand Canyon Reader Award. If you are interested in becoming a member of the selection committee for the 2025 nominees or have questions, please e-mail contact@grandcanyonreaderaward.org. To be on the committee, please contact the Arizona Library Association.



See the links on the left for further information. Let us know if you can't find what you need.

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LOU



Breanna Carzoo

Lou by Breanna Carzoo, 2022

K-3 Reading Level 1.4

Subjects: hydrants, fire extinction, heroes

Meet Lou. Lou has an important job . . . as the neighborhood toilet for dogs on their walks. Useful as he may be, he gets the feeling that deep down inside, there might be more to him than that. He just doesn't seem to know exactly *what* yet.

Author visit information

Ideas:

[Activity pages from author](#)

[Interview with Illustrator](#)

[Teaching Books resources](#)

[Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award Activities](#)

[Craft and Retell by Teachers Pay Teachers \(\\$\)](#)

Awards:

Barnes and Noble Children's Book Awards Shortlist pick

Kirkus Best Picture Book, 2022

2024 Colorado Children's Book Award nominee


North Central Michigan College Children's Book of the Year, 2023

Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award nominee

Chosen for 2022 Society of Illustrators Original Art Show


2024 Donna Norvell Oklahoma Book Award nominee


Links to book and
author sites and
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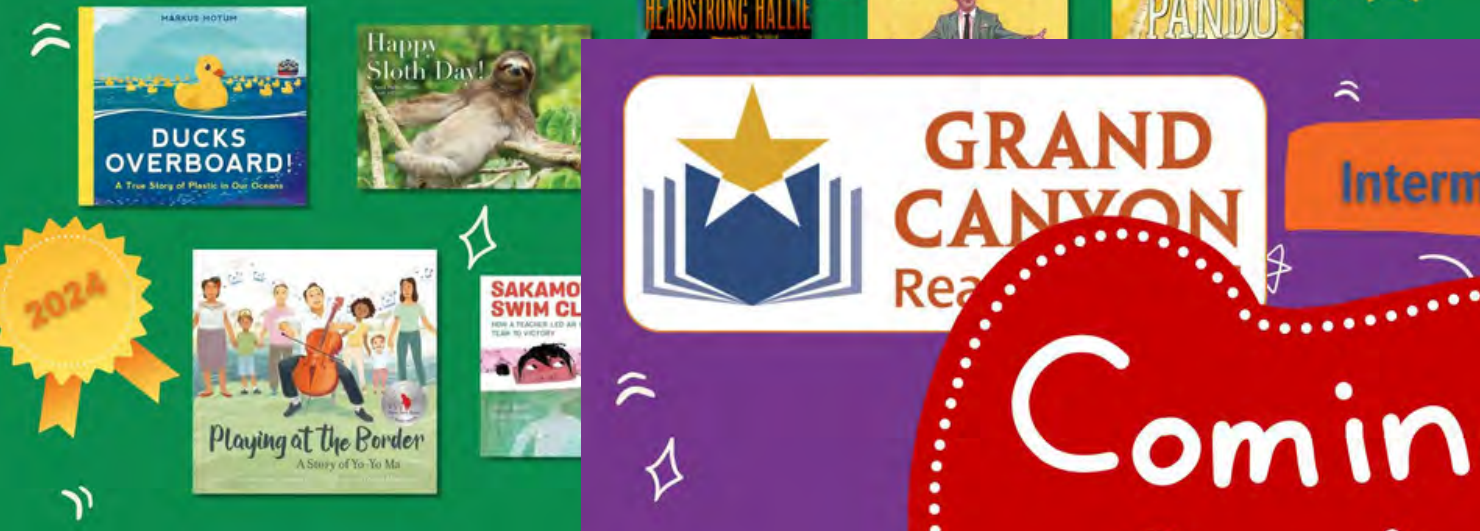
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VOTING INFORMATION

Voting for 2024

Please send all votes (we need the total votes for each of the books voted on, not just the winning book for your school) to: Kerrlita Westrick voting@grandcanyonreaderaward.org.

[Ballot for Voting](#) (may be e-mailed- word doc)

[Picture Book Ballot](#) (with check boxes for students to use)

[Non-Fiction Ballot](#) (with check boxes for students to use)

[Intermediate Ballot](#) (with check boxes for students to use)

[Online voting link for schools](#) (one person at the school needs to submit the votes).

[Online voting for individual students](#) (this can be for students during school, home-schooled students or any student using the public library).



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Here are some ideas for promoting the Great Lakes Children's Reading Awards from other state awards sites.

Buddy and Bettina the Book

"Pack a book" for a grand ad

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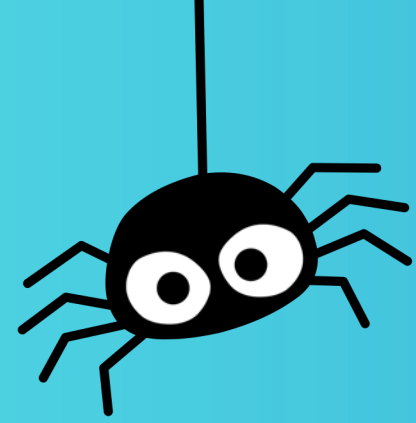
"Burro into a good book."

Promotional Ideas Handout

* GCRA Breakfast or Lunch Club
librarian, police, mayor, legislat

How can YOU get
kids involved at
your library?





Questions

Sharing

Discussion



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Thanks for
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