

2021 VCRA Book Grant

Application Instructions

The VCRA Book Grant program promotes student enjoyment of popular literature through access to California Young Reader Medal (CYRM) books and voting. VCRA will select four schools to receive a hard bound set of eight books nominated for the 2020-21 CYRM.

Purpose:

Every year, children throughout California nominate, read and vote for books to win the California Young Reader Medal. This unique program, designed to foster young people's interest in popular literature, is supported by the Ventura County Reading Association and the California Reading Association.

The VCRA Book Grant awards schools with books and online resources to participate in the CYRM program. Winning applicants will receive a hard bound set of eight books nominated for the 2020-21 CYRM in the categories of Primary Picture Books and Picture Books for Older Readers.

The winning applicant must present a plan for reading the CYRM books to at least 100 students within the school. All books from at least one category (*Primary Picture Books* or *Picture Books for Older Readers*) must be read. There are five books nominated in the Primary Picture Books category, and three books in the category of Picture Books for Older Readers. The applicant need not personally read the books to all 100 students. The plan might include a collaborative effort among teachers at particular grade levels, parent volunteers, and/or a school librarian.

The plan must also include the process by which these 100 (or more) students will vote for their favorite book and submit their ballots to the CYRM program by the 2021 deadline as announced by CYRM. Voting options are listed online at <http://www.californiayoungreadermedal.org/vote/>.

Applicants must:

- Be current VCRA members. Join at <http://vcreading.org/join.htm>.
- Work as educators (e.g., administrator, teacher, librarian, paraprofessional, parent volunteer) in Ventura County public, charter, or private schools.

Criteria:

Each application will be judged on the basis of:

- The extent to which the plan to use the books...
 - (a) reaches at least 100 students within the school who will participate in CYRM voting - <http://www.californiayoungreadermedal.org/vote/> .
 - (b) ensures submission of CYRM ballots by the 2021 voting deadline as announced by CYRM.
 - (c) includes verification that the books will be permanently housed in a school-wide library.
- The clarity and effectiveness of the plan to encourage reading of popular literature and participate in the CYRM program.

Members of the VCRA Executive Board will judge the applications based on the above criteria and choose four schools whose plan for the CYRM books best fits the grant's purpose.

How to Apply:

VCRA is currently accepting applications for the **2021 VCRA Book Grant**. Applications are **due November 30, 2020**.

- Complete both pages of the 2021 VCRA Book Grant application form electronically.
- **PRINT** the completed application.
- Sign the application and secure the signature of your principal or building-level administrator.
- Submit both pages of the 2021 Application Form to vcreading@gmail.com using "2021 VCRA Book Grant" in the subject line, or mail the paper application to VCRA Book Grant, P.O. Box 6036, Oxnard, CA 93031-6036. Applications must be received **by November 30, 2020**.

2021 VCRA Book Grant Application Form

All fields are required.

APPLICANT

Name

Title

School

Phone

Address

Email Address

Applicant must be a current member of VCRA or apply for membership before submitting the application. Check one.

I am a current VCRA member.

I have submitted my VCRA membership application and dues payment. (<http://vcrareading.org/join.htm>.)

Describe your plan to read all CYRM nominated books in the Primary Picture Book category and/or the Picture Books for Older Readers category to at least 100 students at your school.

The applicant need not personally read the books to all 100 students. The plan might include a collaborative effort among teachers, parent volunteers, and/or a school librarian.

Describe your plan to have the above students vote for their favorite book and submit their ballots to the CYRM program 2021 voting deadline.

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Where will the CRYM books be housed permanently at your school?

I understand the terms and criteria for this application.

Yes

No

Applicant Signature

Signature

Date

Title: _____

Signature of Administrator or Building-Level Supervisor

Signature

Title

Date

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If you have any questions, please contact VCRA Book Grant at vcreading@gmail.com.

