

Suggested newsletter text for schools and districts (short)

Sample text can be used as is (with additions for your situation and institution) or can be used as based text for your own newsletter. **Please remember to replace the highlighted areas with the name of your institution!**

(Update April 2, 2024: the text referring to voting for the previous set of nominees has been edited to be strike-out text and should not be included after April 2, 2024.)

SHORT VERSION, SCHOOLS AND DISTRICTS

Kids vote, kids decide! [district or school name] students can help choose the winners of the California Young Reader Medal *

The [district or school name] is letting everyone know that our students can help determine the winner of a prestigious California book prize: the [California Young Reader Medal](#). Students read book nominations, determine their favorite, and then vote in an online process. The books with the most votes in California are the winners!

Categories include picture books, picture books for older readers, intermediate, middle school, and young adult. There are 5 nominated books in the picture book category and 3 nominations in each of the other categories. The 2024-25 [nominees are listed on the California Young Reader's Medal website](#). This is the 50th anniversary of this California program that encourages love of reading!

Voting processes for the California Young Reader Medal should be guided by an educator for submission. All votes for these nominations are due by April 1, 2025 (postmark deadline for paper mailed ballots). Winners will be announced on May 1, 2025. Information and the voting form is online. [Vote — California Young Reader Medal](#)

~~[Still time to vote for last year's nominees!](#) Many children and youth are in the process of reading the 2023-24 nominees as the 2024-25 nominations are announced. Educators and librarians have until April 1, 2024, to submit the ballots for last year's nominees. [The list of last year's nominations](#) is on the California Young Reader Medal website. Educators and teachers can guide readers to the online form. [Vote — California Young Reader Medal](#)~~

[Consider putting a sentence here about how teachers and students get access to the books]

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***Alternate headline for middle and high schools:**

You vote, you decide! [district or school name] students can help choose the winners of the California Young Reader Medal