Grand Canyon Reader Award
Get the Kids Involved!

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

- 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
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
GCRA Books

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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 read 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 any questions or comments, please e-mail contact@grandcanyonreaderaward.org. To be on the committee, you must be a member of the Arizona Library Association.

See the links on the left for further information. Let us know if you can’t find a link!

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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 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 Retail by Teachers Pay Teachers ($)

Awards:
- Barnes & 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 in 2022 Society of Illustrators Original Art Show
- 2022 Laina Norvell Oklahoma Book Award nominee
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).
How can YOU get kids involved at your library?
Questions
Sharing
Discussion
Thanks for Participating!