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2026 Penguin Random House Young Reader's Group Award

These awards, made possible by an annual gift from Penguin Young Readers Group and Random House Children's books, are administered by a committee of the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC). They will enable up to four children's librarians to attend the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Chicago, IL June 25 – 29, 2026. Two librarians working directly with children in elementary, middle schools or public libraries will each receive $1200. **All applications due by November 15, 2025.**

Requirements

- ALSC membership (applicant must be a person member of ALSC and ALA by the application deadline)
- One to ten years of experience as a children's librarian by the opening of ALA Annual Conference
- No previous attendance at an ALA Annual Conference
- Must submit application, resume and Supervisor's Supporting Statement

Please complete the online application.

Send the supervisor's supporting statement form, to the co-chairs of the Professional Recognition and Scholarships Committee, Jenny Rosenoff (jennyrosenoff@gmail.com) and Gwen Vanderhage (gvanderhage.ala@gmail.com).

Application

Date		
Name		
Organization		
Address		
Phone (work)		
Phone (home)		
Email		
ALA Membership Number		
Are you an ALSC member?	☐ Yes	☐ No
If you receive this award, have you been assured that you can attend for the full conference, June 25 – 29, 2026, in Chicago?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Describe the library program in which you work including the number of children served, number of staff working with children, significant activities and programming in		

which you are involved, etc. Are there any new programs or innovations that you have initiated?