

West Australian

Young Readers'



Book Awards

Newsletter Term 1 2009

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David Caddy - Entertaining Author

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday February 18th at 4:15 PM

To be held at Mercedes College Library

Goderich Street, Perth

Parking on school grounds – enter from Goderich Street

Display of listed Books *Participation tips*

Purchase stickers, bookmarks and our new poster

WAYRBA for 2009

Welcome to another year of WAYRBA reading and participation. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas followed by a positive start to 2009 and are keen and eager to promote this programme with the children in your care.

Enclosed with this newsletter is everything you need to participate in the 2009 West Australian Young Readers' Book Award.

Bookmarks, Stickers and Posters

This year two students, Emily Drage and Molly Wilkinson from Mercedes College have created our poster. The theme is super heroes. Stickers are white for 2009.

An order form is enclosed which should be completed, or come along to the AGM and pick up your stationery there.

All stationery orders must reach us by Friday **April 10th. No late orders will be processed.**

The first round of orders will be packed on March 4th and sent by **Australia Post** immediately after that date.

How to Vote

Voting is very easy. Photocopy the voting slip after first writing in the name of your School or Library. Place a voting form into each of the books from the lists or leave a number of voting forms near your display of WAYRBA books.

Once students have voted please sign and sort the votes into alphabetical order by author's surname and forward to -

Attention: Votes Coordinator
WAYRBA, PO Box 256
GUILDFORD 6935

You can send votes in at any time. We do appreciate getting them early as it makes counting easier for us. Please do not staple the votes together. All votes must be sent to the above addresses by 14th of August.

Selection of Books

There are two lists - one for Younger and one for Older Readers. Readers are able to read and vote for books from either list, as they have no prescribed year levels.

REMEMBER - The books on the list have been nominated by the young readers of Western Australia and it is important that you **carefully consider your selection policy** before purchasing. Individual authorities are expected to make their own decisions regarding any controversial aspects of books purchased for their readers.

You do not have to purchase all the books to participate in the voting.

Nominations for 2010 Lists

Encourage your readers to nominate books they have enjoyed for the 2010 lists by completing a Nomination Form (photocopy after adding your Library's name) and forward it to WAYRBA. Please remember, books can not be more than five years old, and the author must be living.

Picture Books on the List for 2010?

Would you like to see Picture Books on the 2010 WAYRBA Reading List? We have had many requests and queries about having a section for picture books on the list. As this would be a major addition to WAYRBA it would have to be discussed, and if accepted, passed at the AGM.

Dates to Remember

WAYRBA AGM - Wednesday **February 18**
4:15 PM at Mercedes College Library

Stationery orders close - **April 15**, 2009

Voting closes - **August 14th**, 2009

Presentation Night - October 30, 2009

WAYRBA Web Site

To find any information relating to WAYRBA, including lesson and promotion ideas, check out the site at

www.wayrba.iinet.net.au or

<http://wayrba.wordpress.com/>

If you wish to contact us by email please use this email address -

wayrba@iinet.net.au

WAYRBA AGM

Don't forget our AGM at **Mercedes College** on Wednesday, **February 18th at 4:15pm**. It is important that you come so we can discuss the inclusion of Picture Books in our reading scheme.

We will have the books on display as well as helping with a few ideas for promoting the WA Young Readers' Book Awards in your library. WAYRBA stationery will be available for purchase at the AGM.

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If you are looking to purchase books that are on the 2009 reading lists, both bookshops will be most happy to help you.

If you have queries on any aspect of WAYRBA - Please contact - Deborah Connell
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