



EXCELLENCE IN GRAPHIC LITERATURE AWARDS

TITLE: Excellence in Graphic Literature Awards – Juror

REPORTS TO: EGL Category Chair, Pop Culture Classroom (PCC) Director of Education

SUMMARY: PCC is seeking industry leaders with demonstrated track records of representing (but not limited to) the following fields:

- **Education** Member-At-Large
- **Booksellers** Member-At-Large
- **Library** Member-At-Large
- **Inclusivity/Diversity** Member-At-Large

Jurors are responsible for reading and evaluating all submitted books in their assigned category for the 2024 Excellence in Graphic Literature Awards.

DESCRIPTION: [Pop Culture Classroom](#) established the [Excellence in Graphic Literature program](#) in 2017 to elevate quality graphic literature, expand legitimacy and respect for the medium and its creators in the field of education, and to drive growth for the graphic novel publishing industry. For this year's 7th annual EGL Awards, PCC is seeking experienced individuals to comprise the following jury categories: Children's, Middle Grade, Young Adult, and Adult.

Jurors are responsible for evaluating all graphic novels submitted in their category (averaging between 25 and 50 titles depending on the assigned category). Jurors will also attend 4-5 virtual meetings and discuss books with their assigned jury sharing perspectives, opinions, and individual takeaways. All jurors, however, are responsible for independently judging each according to a rubric provided by PCC and Jury Chairs.

POSITION DURATION: March 1st, 2024 – May 10, 2024



BENEFITS:

- Free digital copies of all graphic novels in the assigned judging category (averaging between 25-50 titles depending on the category), including graphic novels that you may have missed in 2023
- Free physical copies of most graphic novels in the assigned judging category
- Two tickets to FAN EXPO Denver (July 4th – 7th, 2024)
- Two tickets to Pop Culture Classroom’s Inaugural “Geek Gala” on October 12th, 2024 in Denver, CO.
- Free set of Pop Culture Classroom’s *Colorful History* printed collections
- Individual recognition of your leadership in selecting the 2024 Excellence in Graphic Literature Awards finalists and winners on:
 - www.popcultureclassroom.org
 - PCC social media
 - PCC Annual Report
 - QR code on annual EGL Bookmark
- Linked-in endorsement from Pop Culture Classroom, as well as a paid post by PCC recognizing jurors
- Valuable professional networking
- Other opportunities to highlight your work and the value of graphic literature to educational efforts, literacy, learning, and connection through Pop Culture Classroom’s various programs

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:

- Attend remote meetings with PCC staff and your jury (approx. 4-5)
- Meet all due dates and deadlines communicated by PCC staff and EGL Jury Chair
- Maintain regular and timely communication (i.e., email responses within 48 hours) with PCC staff and EGL Jury Chair
- Track and keep confidential all communications related to the EGL Awards

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

March 1st, 2024 – May 10th 2024 (approx. 10+ hrs./wk. including meetings)

- Meet once with full EGL team
- Receive and review rubrics
- Attend periodic conversations with your assigned jury team
- Read and score each title in the assigned category using the EGL Awards rubrics

June 10th, 2024 – December 2024 (approx. 5 hrs./wk. including meetings)

- Work with PCC staff to promote EGL 2024 selections using our EGL Awards marketing toolkit for jurors
- Coordinated, ongoing promotion of EGL Awards and winners as you are able.



EGL AWARDS 2024 TIMELINE [dates subject to change]:

- January 22, 2024: Book submissions and juror applications open
- February 19, 2024: Juror applications close
- February 21-23, 2024: Juror applicants notified of acceptance decisions
- March 1, 2024: Book submissions Close
- March 11th, 2024: Category jurying begins
- May 5, 2024: Category jurying ends
- May 10, 2024: Finalists selected; Book of the Year (BOTY) and Mosaic Awards judging process begins
- June 3, 2024: Begin Finalist announcements, BOTY and Mosaic judging process ends
- June 10, 2024: Begin Winner announcements
- July 4th – July 7th, 2024: FAN EXPO Denver (EGL panels, Educators' Day presence)
- June 2024 – December 2024: Ongoing promotion of awards

This is a volunteer position, and no financial compensation will be provided.

Please apply through the application portal at

<https://popcultureclassroom.org/programs/excellence-in-graphic-literature/>.

Please email any questions to egl@popcultureclassroom.org