



EXCELLENCE IN GRAPHIC LITERATURE AWARDS

TITLE: Excellence in Graphic Literature Awards – Category Chair/Advisory Board Member

REPORTS TO: Pop Culture Classroom Director of Education

SUMMARY: PCC is seeking industry leaders with demonstrated, extensive 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

The Category Chair/Advisory Board Member is responsible for:

- Advising on all aspects of the 2024 Excellence in Graphic Literature (EGL) Awards
- Overseeing all aspects of and participating in the judging process for their assigned category in the 2024 EGL Awards
- Participation in the Book of the Year and Mosaic Awards selection process.

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 chair each of the following jury categories: Children's, Middle Grade, Young Adult, and Adult.

EGL Award Chairs are responsible for overseeing a jury of diverse and experienced professionals that span the publishing, library, and education industries, with the ultimate goal of selecting the best in fiction & nonfiction graphic literature published during the 2023 calendar year in their assigned category. EGL Award Chairs will also participate in a special jury to select the overall 2024 Book of the Year and Mosaic Awards. In addition, EGL Chairs serve as Advisory Board members, assisting Pop Culture Classroom in strengthening all aspects of the awards including processes, promotion, EDI, and more.

POSITION DURATION: March 1st, 2024 – June 7th, 2024. EGL Chairs/Advisory Board members hold a one (1)-year term and may not hold more than two (2) consecutive terms.



BENEFITS:

- Free digital copies of all graphic novels in the assigned judging category (averaging between 25-50), 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 check-in meetings with PCC staff and with your jury (approx. 5-6)
- Act as liaison between Pop Culture Classroom Staff and assigned jury team
- Meet all due dates and deadlines communicated by Pop Culture Classroom Staff
- Maintain regular and timely communication (i.e. email responses within 48 hours) with Pop Culture Classroom Staff and Jurors throughout the year
- Track and keep confidential all communications related to the EGL Awards
- Manage collection of scores and data from assigned jury

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

- Meet once with PCC Staff and other Jury Chairs to discuss the year’s awards, review rubrics, etc.
- Meet once with full EGL team
- Schedule and attend periodic conversations with your assigned jury team
- Read and score each title in your assigned category using the EGL Awards rubrics
- Oversee and provide support to jurors throughout judging process
- Collect rubrics from each juror

May 10th, 2024 – June 3rd, 2024 (approx. 10 hrs./wk. including meetings)

- Participate in special jury to select the 2023 EGL Book of the Year and Mosaic Awards

June 2024 – December 2024

- 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 are 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