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**OKLAHOMA BOOK AWARDS**  
*Call for Entries*

Oklahoma

**BOOK AWARDS**

2026 CALL FOR ENTRIES FORM

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AS AN AFFILIATE OF THE LIBRARY OF  
CONGRESS, THE OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT  
OF LIBRARIES OPERATES THE OKLAHOMA  
CENTER FOR THE BOOK.

*The Center's mission is to:*

- promote Oklahoma authors
- celebrate the state's literary heritage
- encourage reading for pleasure by Oklahomans

*To accomplish this mission,*

the Center sponsors the annual Oklahoma Book Awards, participates in special literacy projects for young people, arranges author visits to Oklahoma communities, and supports statewide literacy conferences and events.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Books must have been published originally between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. Entries are sent to judges upon receipt, so please enter as soon as possible.
- Any individual, organization, or company may enter in any appropriate category.
  - Books considered for this award must have an Oklahoma-based theme, or entrants (authors, illustrators, photographers, or book designers) must live or have lived in Oklahoma.
  - Books—hardcover or paperback—entered in previous Oklahoma Book Award competitions are not eligible.

## JUDGES

A panel of judges will consider all entries. Judges will grant awards at their discretion. Judges represent a variety of backgrounds including writers, educators, librarians, graphic artists, and readers. Entries in all categories (except the Book Design/Illustration or Photography category) are principally judged on the quality of writing, with organization and interpretation also playing a role in the decision.

## DEADLINES

Entries must be received by January 7, 2026. Finalists will be announced in Spring 2026, and winners will be announced at the awards ceremony in the spring.

## SPECIAL NOTES

- \$25 entry fee is required for each category entered.
- Entrants will be responsible for all shipping charges—collect shipments will be refused.
- The awards committee reserves the right to change the category of an entry, and no award will be given in categories where fewer than five entries have been submitted.

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The Oklahoma Book Awards is presented by the Oklahoma Center for the Book in the Oklahoma Department of Libraries in partnership with the Friends of the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

## 2026 BOOK AWARDS ENTRY FORM

For each title you are entering, please include one completed entry form, six (non-returnable) copies of the book, and a \$25 entry fee. A title may be entered in more than one category, but another form, an additional six copies of the book, and a separate \$25 entry fee must be submitted for each category entered.

All entry forms (reproductions are acceptable), books, fees, and other correspondence should be sent to:  
Oklahoma Center for the Book, 426 East Hill Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

**FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS,** please contact Michelle Hall at [michelle.hall@libraries.ok.gov](mailto:michelle.hall@libraries.ok.gov) or call **(405) 522-3575**.

Category (please circle only one—a separate entry form must be used for each category entered—please see note above):

<i>Fiction</i>	<i>Children/Young Adult</i>	<i>Book Design / Illustration or Photography</i>	<i>Non-fiction</i>	<i>Poetry</i>
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Title of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Entrant (Author, Illustrator, Photographer, or Designer): \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Entries without entrant’s contact information will not be considered.</i>	Entrant’s Mailing Address: _____
	City, State, Zip: _____
	Entrant’s Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

This entry is eligible for consideration because of the following connection with Oklahoma:

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\_\_\_\_\_

Publisher’s Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Publisher’s Telephone, Fax, & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact at Publisher: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

By entering this contest, I give the Oklahoma Center for the Book permission to use the book cover, excerpts from the text, and publicity notices (“blurbs”) for the entered book in any promotion of the Oklahoma Center for the Book.

Date of Publication: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrant or Publisher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT DETAILS:** For each submission, enclose \$25 in cash, or a check made out to Friends of the Oklahoma Center for the Book, in order to pay the entry fee by mail. To pay electronically, fill out the information below.

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_