

LibraryReads Title Eligibility FAQ

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Voting deadlines are the first of the month prior to a book's publication month, so make those deadlines clear in your marketing materials! Feel free to download our logo and other marketing materials from our website.

What if our title has a different publication date than on sale date/ship date?

- Edelweiss and NetGalley give us the votes based on the pub dates listed in their systems. Therefore it is very important to have those dates reported accurately. We go by the listed Pub Date, not On Sale Date or Ship Date. Books that publish at the end of the month, even on the 30th or 31st, are still considered that calendar month.

What if a title has been published overseas but not in the North American market?

- Books not previously published for the North American market are eligible for LibraryReads votes if they are newly released here.

How about a revamped, re-issued title?

- Re-issues would only be eligible for LibraryReads votes if they have not been previously published in North America.

What about titles that have been previously self-published?

- Because self-published titles are rarely eligible for votes (they usually don't have an announced pub date nor can be found as galleys), we have decided that they are indeed eligible as a newly published edition, as long as there is a corresponding pre-pub date and official ISBN.

We have a YA/Youth/Middle Grade title that we are marketing as suitable for adults. Is this eligible?

- Although many of our users love and read books published for all ages, crossover appeal is subjective and presents a challenge when tallying votes. For clarity of focus, we do not currently include books published for youth or teens, even with crossover marketing.

What about Graphic Novels?

- We have indeed had a few graphic novels hit the list! There are two caveats: the title must be marketed as; and, it needs to have a narrative element (ie, no collections)

If an author makes your Hall of Fame, will their subsequent books always make the Hall of Fame list?

- Continue to market your Hall of Fame authors and encourage votes for their titles! They don't automatically make the Hall of Fame with their next title, it has to place on the list per usual (by getting enough votes to put it in the Top Ten that particular month).

If a current Hall of Fame author co-authors a new book with a non-HoF author, would that title be eligible for the regular monthly list, or the Hall of Fame list?

- We would consider the title eligible for the regular list. If both authors happened to be Hall of Fame authors, we would work with the relevant publisher to determine where to best place the title.

We occasionally publish e-originals, with no print equivalent. Are these titles eligible for the list?

- Feedback from our users indicates that if many libraries cannot add that e-only or audio-only title to their collections, they wouldn't want to see it on the list. Therefore will not include those titles on the list for the time being but will revisit as things continue to change.