



Illinois Author Project

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WANTS TO FIND THE BEST
INDIE-PUBLISHED BOOK IN ILLINOIS



This year's contest kicks off on April 1, 2026, and submissions will be accepted through May 31, 2026.

Prizes and Eligibility include:

The winner of this contest will receive:

- Statewide recognition by Illinois libraries as the top indie-published book
- \$2,000 prize
- Opportunities to promote your book(s) at Illinois libraries
- Inclusion in a full-page print spread in *Library Journal*
- Print book sales to Illinois' public libraries
- Opportunity to compete with other Indie Author Project contest winners for the Indie Author of the Year award
- Honors at the 2026 Indie Author Day reception
- Opportunities to earn royalties through the IAP Select collection (*ePUB format required for eligibility*)

Each book that is submitted to the contest must be:

- Indie-published
- In an Adult Fiction or Young Adult Fiction genre
- Written by a Illinois resident
- Available in either (***strongly encouraged***) ePUB or PDF file

Submit your work at:

indieauthorproject.librariesshare.com/illinois