



Libraries Tararua Children's Book Awards Quiz

Thursday 22 October 2026 at 6:30pm



RULES

1. Primary school teams (and homeschooled) of year 7/8 students from within the Tararua District are eligible.
2. Each team will consist of at most 4 students. Small country schools are permitted to combine their students with students from other small country schools to make up a team. Schools can enter more than one team.
3. The quiz will be held simultaneously at each of our community libraries in the Tararua district. If entry numbers are low, the library reserves the right to hold the quiz in just two libraries. Results will be constantly updated.
4. The questions will be from the finalist books in the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults 2026 in the picture book, junior fiction and junior non-fiction categories. Questions from the non-fiction titles will be sourced from **pages 10-19 inclusive**.
5. Each team will need to have collectively read all the finalist books in the relevant categories. Branches of district libraries will have copies of the books available for loan. **NB: Limited copies are available of Graci Kim's Dreamslinger, Ian Chapman's Left to nowhere, Al Brown's Hooked, and Giselle Clarkson's Omnibird.** Non-fiction pages 10-19 can be copied if necessary.
6. Teams will be able to quietly confer before writing their answer down on the answer sheet provided.
7. Please do not forget to write the name of your school and your teams name on each answer sheet. You will be given time to do this at the beginning of each round.
8. After each question is asked, there will be 15 seconds for you to write down the answer. At the end of 15 seconds a bell will ring and you must stop writing.
9. In the event of a tie, the top teams will compete in a playoff round.
10. No adult will be permitted to sit with or confer with the teams until the quiz is finished.
11. Each contestant is permitted a water bottle if they choose but no food is to be taken into the library.
12. Please ensure all cell phones are switched off.
13. The adjudicator's decision is final.
14. No papers will be returned to schools after the quiz.
15. The winning team of the Libraries Tararua Children's Book Awards Quiz will be awarded a prize and a trophy. The trophy is to be returned prior to the following year's quiz. The highest scoring team in each particular town will also receive a small prize.
16. Thank you for your entry and Libraries Tararua staff wish you the very best of luck!