



THE CHILDREN'S  
BOOK COUNCIL  
OF AUSTRALIA



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# sun project

## shadow judging

fostering young readers' opinions + engagement  
through the **illumination** of children's literature



## Let's get the conversation started

We are seeking **expressions of interest** from groups of young voices who will > read > listen > discuss  
> reflect + respond collaboratively to our 2022 CBCA Book of the Year Awards Shortlist.

# ILLUMINATE

Australian children's literature plays a unique role in our culture. It has the power to shine a light on our world, speaking directly to young people.

By connecting kids, books + creatives, while strengthening young voices our participants will:

- > build personal aesthetic literary appreciation
- > be encouraged to imagine, think critically and respond creatively
- > develop a greater self-concept, empathy and awareness of diverse opinion
- > read more widely and are twice as likely to read above the level for their age
- > absorb culture in a community context by sharing the experience



 **Young voices**  
are welcome here



## The program in 2022 >

- > **Group** young voices + one facilitator + state CBCA mentor
- > **Read** the **6 Shortlisted books** in **one category** from the 2022 CBCA Book of the Year Awards (BOYA)
- > **Share** these titles with their peers, think critically and creatively— shadow judging **using the CBCA Book of the Year criteria and respond** and sharing a response online
- > **Vote** the group will collaboratively award their winners for their category. The Shadowers' Choice Awards will be announced and celebrated at a brand-new event at the end of Book Week 2022.

The Shadow Judging video developed to support the Victorian CBCA trial in 2021 gives you some understanding of the project, now coming to you around Australia:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_THALfwhtr0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_THALfwhtr0)

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# To apply as a **funded** group >

We thank the Australian Government RISE Fund and our Supporters for providing the opportunity to build our program, website, and resources and to **provide support funding for 115 reading groups** from a range of areas across Australia including early childhood centres, schools, home schools, public libraries and community groups.

## Each funded group will be supported with:

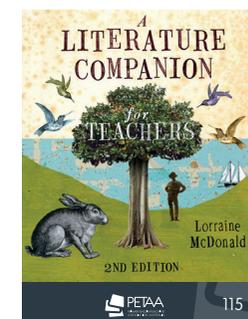
- > A **\$120 voucher** for one set of one category books to be redeemed at a local bookstore (ABA member bookstore)
- > A **\$600 voucher** to support a writer and/or illustrator workshop with group
- > **Access** to special supporting resources (STORY BOX LIBRARY SUPPORT/EBOOK PETAA)

## ALL GROUPS:

- > **MUST REGISTER \$50**
- > **GROUP OR FACILITATOR BE A CBCA MEMBER (FOR ACCESS TO SUPPORT MENTOR)**
- > **HAVE A FACILITATOR**

## GROUPS PER STATE

NSW 20  
VIC 20  
SA 15  
WA 15  
QLD 15  
TAS 10  
ACT 10  
NT 10



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## To apply as a **self-funded** group >

### **Any group can register online and be self-funded MAY 2022:**

- > supply own short listed books for one category
- > option to support a writer and/or illustrator workshop with group
- > Will have Access to supporting mentor + resources on website

### **ALL GROUPS:**

- > **MUST REGISTER \$50**
- > **GROUP OR FACILITATOR BE A CBCA MEMBER (FOR ACCESS TO SUPPORT MENTOR)**  
(all Branches will be sent a list of self-funded groups so they will be included in their mentorship).
- > **HAVE A FACILITATOR**

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> **Any reading group can opt to do any category** (eg Secondary Schools could do Picture Book or Younger Readers; Primary Schools can do Early Childhood). Supervisors and mentors can give advice to facilitators but facilitators need to look at books before electing a category for EOI.

## Roles >

### > **CBCA national office staff:**

**Administrator:** coordinate vouchers, receive invoices, pay invoices, be there for questions from groups

**Website coordinator/moderator:** curates and manage website content, assist/advise with creative response uploads. Newsletter to groups.

+ **National Committee:** Coordinate project across Australia: CBCA Chair + State coordinators.

> **State Coordinators:** On National committee. The coordinator of the program within branches. Translates and disseminates Information from National

> **State Mentors:** Coordinated by State coordinator. Assigned by branches to groups to support group facilitators with information and strategies for eliciting responses to literature from young voices

> **Group facilitator: An adult:** On site/within participating organisation (early childhood centre, community group, public library, primary school, high school...) who provide the space, resources and guidance for the groups of young people

> **Groups:** our **young voices** who read, listen, talk, collaborate, and respond creatively to a category of books on our shortlist.

# The National CBCA office >

**All > state coordinators > mentors > facilitators > groups**

will be supported at the National office by:

- > email communication / newsletter
- > an administration coordinator + a website coordinator/ moderator

## **KEY DATES:**

1. Groups **send EOI's to Branches by** April 8, 2022
2. Branches **send to National office by** April 26,2022
3. National office **notify successful groups from** Friday April 29
4. **Shadow Judging website opens** May
4. **Book of the Year Awards** 19th August
5. Book Week finale **Shadows' Choice Awards** 26th August

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# FAQs >

## **Q: Why has CBCA devised this program?**

**A:** There are two important reasons for creating this program

1. To amplify the voice of young readers in the CBCA Book of the Year Awards and to talk about Australian children's books across the nation.
2. To collaborate with the children's book community to support creatives, bookshops and the publishing industry.

## **Q: How many participants can you have in a group?**

**A:** Any number up to a class size. In the trials there were groups from 3 to 25 participants.

## **Q: What does the facilitator do?**

**A:** Each group needs an adult:

- to form the group and manage the administration aspects of running the program,
- to provide a welcoming and supportive environment which is respectful of all,
- to assist the discussion of each book using the CBCA BOYA criteria, and
- to inspire and manage the creative response.

## **Q: I would like to be a mentor. What is involved?**

**A:** Any adult CBCA Branch member can volunteer to be a mentor to a facilitator and have a very valuable and satisfying volunteer experience. The mentor is to be a point of contact for the facilitator and assist with any queries. There will be an induction webinar for mentors.

**Q:** Can I still participate even though I didn't get funded?

**A:** Yes. Each CBCA Branch will determine the number of self-funded groups they can support.

**Q:** How do I form and manage a group.

**A:** A facilitator needs to gather a group of interested young people together who will enjoy discussing and responding to contemporary children's books, arrange regular meeting times, facilitate the discussion and submit the creative response to each Shortlisted title in their chosen category.

## **Q: Why do groups have to pay a \$50 registration fee?**

**A:** The registration fee contributes to the administration and development of the program and re-sources. Further, it demonstrates a commitment on behalf of the group to complete the project and enables groups to be matched to a mentor.

## **Q: What resources do funded groups get?**

**A:** The 2022 funded groups receive:

- a \$120 voucher to purchase the Shortlisted titles in their category of choice,
- a \$600 voucher to pay for a creative to conduct a workshop (online or face to face),
- access to Story Box Library for Shortlisted titles in the Early Childhood or Picture Book categories, and
- access to the PETAA resource eBook.

## **Q: What resources do self-funded groups get?**

**A:** All groups will have a supporting mentor and be given access to all the digital resources on the Shadow Judging website. Self-funded groups will need to purchase copies of the 6 Shortlisted books in their category of choice. They also need to fund a creator's workshop for their group if they wish.