



## Announcing the inaugural Frances Lincoln Children's Librarian Prize

The Frances Lincoln Children's Librarian Prize (FLCLP) is presented annually to a children's or teen librarian who champions diversity and inclusion in their collection and community. The prize is open to school and public librarians. The winner of the FLCLP will receive a book donation and \$1500 cash prize for their library, as well as an all-expenses paid trip to American Library Association's annual conference in June 2023 where they will be honored at our reinstated Frances Lincoln Tea.

### About Frances Lincoln:

Frances Elisabeth Rosemary Lincoln was one of the most successful publishers of her generation, known for promoting diversity and originality in her books. After working in publishing for a few years, Lincoln began to recognize some significant gaps in the market, specifically in the diversity space. She decided to found Frances Lincoln Publishing in 1977 with the main goal of encouraging authors to write about a diverse range of aspects that touch children from all over the world. Lincoln's groundbreaking work earned her the title of Woman of the Year for Services to Multicultural Publishing in 1995. Lincoln passed away in 2001, but her legacy lives on through her imprint Frances Lincoln Children's Books, which was acquired by The Quarto Group in 2011.

### Guidelines:

- Nominations may be submitted by anyone ages 13+
- Self-nomination is permissible
- Limit one submission per nominator
- Nominees will be evaluated based on the information submitted. It is the responsibility of the nominator to gather and submit a complete and accurate nomination packet. If assistance is needed with submission, please contact the Subcommittee Chair, Mel Schuit, at [mel.schuit@quarto.com](mailto:mel.schuit@quarto.com).

### Criteria:

Criteria used to determine the recipients of the award may include, but are not limited to:

- Commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Leadership in the profession
- Demonstration of the value of libraries
- Professional activities
- Commitment to creating space for neurodivergent patrons
- Promoting an accessible and positive climate in the library
- Initiating a new library service or program
- Development of special projects
- Community betterment
- Notable publications and productions
- Leadership in education and in-service training for librarians
- Extension of library services through cooperation
- Improvement in library techniques or management

### Eligibility

Each librarian nominee must:

- Must be employed, at the time of nomination and selection, in any branch of children's librarianship for at least 12 months in the United States or Canada
- An MLS or professional degree is encouraged in a nominee, but not required

### Deadlines:

Applications must be submitted by April 5, 2023  
Applications must be submitted to [FLCLPaward@quarto.com](mailto:FLCLPaward@quarto.com)

Please see next page for official entry rules

for more information:  
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## OFFICIAL RULES OF ENTRY: 2023 Frances Lincoln Children's Librarian Award

The Quarto Group, Inc. ("Quarto"), for and on behalf of its Frances Lincoln Children's Books imprint, is accepting nominations for an award for a children's librarian who champions diverse and inclusive children's books in the United States and Canada. Nominations will be accepted beginning at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on February 22nd, 2023 and ending at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on April 5th, 2023. Nominations must be sent by email to [FLCLPaward@quarto.com](mailto:FLCLPaward@quarto.com) and must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on April 5th, 2023. Submission of a nomination does not constitute entry into any other promotion, contest, or sweepstakes of Quarto or any of its divisions, affiliates or related entities.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Any person 13 years of age or older may nominate a children's librarian in the United States or Canada, provided that the librarian nominated (the "Nominee") must:

- be employed at the time of nomination and selection in any branch of children's librarianship for at least 12 months in the United States or Canada.

Individuals are not limited in the number of nominations that may be submitted, but only the first nomination submitted for a Nominee will be accepted. Employees and immediate family members (parent, sibling, spouse or child) of employees of Quarto or any of its affiliates or related entities are not eligible to submit a nomination or to be nominated.

**HOW TO NOMINATE A LIBRARIAN:** Complete the official Application Form in English and submit the completed Application Form as a single PDF, with the First Name and Last Name of the Nominee, the Date of Submission, the name and address of the library where the Nominee is employed and the address for a publicly available social media site (Linked In; Pinterest; Instagram; Facebook; etc.), if any, with a profile for the Nominee (for example: Jane Smith, February 15, 2023, XYZ Library, 123 North Fourth Street, City, State, Postal Code; Linked In page at [www.\\_\\_\\_\\_\\_](http://www._____)). Application Forms must be submitted by email to: [FLCLPaward@quarto.com](mailto:FLCLPaward@quarto.com), and must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on April 5th, 2023. The Application Form must include the submitter's name, phone number, email address and relationship to the Nominee. Any entry that does not meet these requirements will not be accepted. Quarto is not responsible for incomplete Application Forms, for incorrect information submitted on an Application Form, or for Application Forms that are undeliverable, misdirected, lost, or illegible or otherwise incapable of being viewed by the Selection Committee. Quarto is also not responsible for any inability or failure to obtain an official Application Form due to technical malfunctions, human error, lost/delayed data transmission, interruption, deletion, defect, or line failure of any telephone network, computer on-line systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, or traffic congestion on the internet, or for any injury or damage to any person's computer or other systems related to or resulting from accessing, downloading or submitting an official Application Form.

No purchase is required, and the purchase of any Quarto products will not affect the review, evaluation or selection of any Nominee.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RULES:** By submitting a nomination, you agree to these Official Rules, and you acknowledge that the Nominee or Nominees nominated by you will meet the eligibility requirements. You agree that all decisions by Quarto Inc. in interpreting, administering and applying the Official Rules and in selecting the winning Nominee will be final and binding.

**SELECTION OF WINNER:** The winning Nominee will be selected by a committee appointed by Quarto consisting of professionals in school and library and a Quarto employee (the "Selection Committee"). Selection of the winning Nominee will be based on the Nominee's development of a diverse and inclusive collection, community projects, literacy initiatives, service to their library, and any other achievements or contributions in their community. The Selection Committee will select the winner within thirty (30) days after April 5th, 2023.

**PRIZE:** The Prize consists of:

- a cash payment of US\$1,500.00 and 40 Frances Lincoln children's books to the library where the Nominee selected is employed, as shown on the Application Form for the winning Nominee; and
- roundtrip airfare for the Nominee from within the US or Canada to Chicago, and two nights hotel accommodation and ground transportation, for attendance at the Frances Lincoln Tea at the ALA Annual Conference, in June of 2023.

The Nominee will be introduced and honored as the award winner at the Frances Lincoln Tea. The Nominee must be employed at the library listed on the Application Form at the time of selection and at the time the Prize is awarded. There are no substitutions and the Prize is not transferable. Any sales, use or other tax due as a result of receiving the Prize will be the responsibility of the recipient library. The cash payment and books will be delivered to the recipient library by Quarto within sixty (60) days after the selection of the winning entry by the Selection Committee, provided the winning Nominee meets all of the eligibility requirements, acknowledges receipt of notification of winning and executes a Release, as outlined below.

**NOTIFICATION, ACCEPTANCE AND RELEASE:** The winning Nominee and the person submitting the winning Nominee will be notified by email or telephone, using the contact information provided with the Application Form. Quarto will not be responsible for any incorrect physical or email addresses or phone numbers submitted with an entry or for any winner notification that is lost, intercepted, not delivered or not received for any reason. If the winning Nominee does not acknowledge receipt of notification of winning and (except for a Nominee residing in Tennessee) execute a Release providing for the use of the winning Nominee's name and other personally identifying information included on the Application Form for and in connection with public announcements and advertisements relating to the awarding of the Prize within fifteen (15) days after notification has been sent, or if the Nominee is determined by Quarto to be ineligible, is disqualified or declines the Prize, the Selection Committee will review the remaining entries and select a substitute winner, and the substitute winner will be notified as provided herein.

**USE OF INFORMATION:** Information received on official Application Forms will not be used for any purpose other than selection of the winning Nominee, and will not be shared with or sold to any third party. Except for the use of the winning Nominee's name and other personally identifying information contained on the Application Form in connection with public announcements and advertisements relating to the awarding of the Prize (if a Release is signed), and otherwise required by law, all information received for all Nominees and submitters will be destroyed after awarding of the Prize to and acceptance of the Prize by the winning Nominee and the library where the winning Nominee is employed.

**REQUESTS TO VIEW, CORRECT OR DELETE INFORMATION:** At any time prior to the time we destroy the information received and collected about you, you may:

- Request that we disclose to you all information received and collected about you in connection with a nomination for the award, including the source of that information.
- Request that we correct any or all of that information in our records.
- Request that we delete any or all of that information from our records.

Requests may be submitted to us at: [FLCLPaward@quarto.com](mailto:FLCLPaward@quarto.com). Any request must include your name, contact information, and a copy of government issued photo ID (Driver's license, State ID, Passport). We will attempt to verify that you are who you say you are before honoring any request to review, correct or delete any information collected about you.

**SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION:** Quarto is not responsible for any condition or unexpected event which may affect the submission, receipt, review or evaluation of nominations or the fairness or integrity of the selection process, including, without limitation, computer hacking, loss of communication connections, civil unrest, war, pandemic, or government order. Quarto reserves the right, at its sole discretion and without notice, to revise, suspend or cancel the selection of a winner and the awarding of the Prize in the event of any such condition or event.

**GOVERNING LAW/JURISDICTION/VENUE:** All issues and questions related to the construction, validity, interpretation and enforcement of the Official Rules or the rights and obligations of entrants, Nominees and Quarto in connection with the receipt and review of Application Forms and the selection of a winner will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Massachusetts, without giving effect to its choice of law or conflict of law rules, or any provision that would cause the application of the laws of any other state. A determination that any provision of the Official Rules is invalid or unenforceable shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision, and the Official Rules shall be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or unenforceable provision was not contained therein.