

## **Teens Read the National Book Awards: School Visits**

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### **Overview: Teens Read the National Book Awards**

*formerly known as the Teen Press Conference*

Teens Read the National Book Awards (Teens Read) brings the excitement and prestige of the National Book Awards to an audience of young people through an exclusive, teen-focused event with National Book Award Finalists, in-school programming, book giveaways, and more.

Central to Teens Read is the annual mainstage event, held each year the day before the National Book Awards. New York City's middle and high school students are invited to attend free of charge, receive free copies of the Young People's Literature nominated titles, and have the unique opportunity to connect and interact with high-profile authors in what is often their first exposure to a literary arts event.

Teens Read 2024 will take place on **November 19th**, in-person at Peter Norton Symphony Space, located at 2537 Broadway on Manhattan's Upper West Side. In the days and weeks leading up to the big event, NYC students can participate in Teens Read school visits, in which a National Book Foundation Teaching Artist visits their classroom to preview the event and featured authors, and share behind the scenes details about the special day. While all NYC-based schools are able to attend the Teens Read event on November 19th, only NYCDOE public schools (including charter schools), are eligible for school visits.

Apply for a Teens Read 2024 School Visit [HERE](#).

### **Goals of Teens Read School Visits**

- Enrich students' experience with Teens Read 2024 event through discussion about the National Book Awards and literature for young people; preview of one of the five Finalist titles that will be featured at the event; and connection with a National Book Foundation Teaching Artist.
- Build student excitement and interest in books, authors, and the literary arts, including the National Book Awards.
- Foster collaboration between NBF and Teens Read teachers / librarians in order to increase school and student access to the literary arts.

**Selection Criteria:**

The National Book Foundation strives to visit a diverse set of students and schools through this program, in terms of location, grade level, and other demographic diversity, and will take this into account when selecting schools.

Priority will be given to teachers and schools who have attended the event in previous years. Consideration will also be given to the extent to which the school visit and the Teens Read event will be incorporated into larger class, grade, or school-wide activities.

**Key Dates & Deadlines for Teens Read 2024 School Visits**

**May 1:** Applications open.

**May 22:** Application for a Teens Read School Visit due.

**May 31:** Selected schools are notified. Schools not selected can still register to attend just the Teens Read event on November 19th when general registration opens in September.

**June 15:** Partnership agreement due.

**September 16:** General registration for Teens Read opens; seats are first-come, first-serve. Groups confirmed for a school visit do not need to complete the general registration form.

**October 1:** Finalists for the 2024 National Book Award for Young People's Literature are announced (these will be the authors featured in the mainstage Teens Read 2024 event).

**October 1-15:** Teacher participates in a planning call with NBF staff to go over visit goals, finalize a date, and discuss Finalist title for school; exact date TBD.

**Late October:** Teachers receive up to 26 copies of their designated Finalist book, mailed to their school.

**October 30- November 15:** Timeframe for school visit

**November 19: Teens Read the National Book Awards, located at 2537 Broadway, 10:30am-12:00pm, followed by book signing 12:00pm-1:00pm.**

**December 6:** Teachers provide event summary, testimony and feedback on their school visit experience.

### **Teens Read School Visit Details**

Only **one visit** may happen per school.

School visits will be led by an **NBF Teaching Artist**; partner teacher / librarian must be present and should participate.

Visits will happen **in-person** at your school. *(If the public health situation necessitates it, we can shift this visit to virtual).*

Visits should be **45-60 minutes long**, scheduled to take up a full class period or portion of a block schedule.

Goal of reaching **~25 students** per school, grades 6-12 only. If your class is larger than 25 students, please reach out to the National Book Foundation.

Visits will focus on one of the five nominated titles; each participating student will receive a free copy of the assigned book, plus one additional copy for the partner teacher/librarian. We are unable to guarantee requests for specific titles, but they can be considered.

NBF will ship these titles to partner teachers/librarians in advance of the visit. (Estimated delivery: late October).

Partner teacher / librarian will be asked to **participate in a planning call**, between October 1 and 15, exact date and time TBD; and **provide an experience summary, feedback, and testimony** by early December.

### **Teens Read Mainstage Event Details**

Groups participating in the school visit component must be able to attend Teens Read 2024 on **Tuesday November 19th, from 10:30am-1:00pm** at Peter Norton Symphony Space, located at 2537 Broadway in Manhattan (Upper West Side).

Schools are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the event. Participation in a school visit guarantees you seats at the mainstage Teens Read event on November 19th, for 25 students and their chaperones; if you would like to bring additional students, you must complete the online registration process, which is done on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cancellation of a Teens Read School Visit after it has been scheduled may forfeit your group's seats at the Teens Read event on November 19th, unless otherwise discussed with NBF.