BEST STEM BOOKS

2024

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Deadline for Book Submissions: July 6, 2023

ABOUT THIS LIST

Reviewers appointed by ASEE, ITEEA, NSTA, and SEPA read and evaluate the submitted books. Their selections are published in list appearing in February's NSTA Reports and ITEEA's Children's Technology and Engineering magazine and promoted through membership networks and at partner conferences.

ELIGIBILITY

- Books must be published in calendar year 2023.
- Fiction is eligible if the book has substantial Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics content.
- Books must be intended for grades K-12.
- All books must originate with a children's publishing company or division and must be published (not simply distributed) by a publisher incorporated in North America.
- Books originally published abroad are eligible only if they have a 2023 North America publication date; reprints or licensed editions of titles initially published in North America before 2023 are not eligible.
- Original paperbacks are eligible; paperback reprints are not. If a book is published simultaneously in hardcover and paperback, either edition may be submitted. If both editions are submitted, they constitute separate entries.
- Revised editions of books originally published in North America before 2023 are eligible only if the book has been newly illustrated or if substantial text, constituting at least 25% of the book, has been changed or added.
- Textbooks, workbooks, kits, actrivity, and experiment-only books are not eligible.
- Spanish-language editions of titles published in English before 2023 are not acceptable.

Spanish-language editions published in North America simultaneously with English-language editions in 2023 are eligible.
- Books published in October, November, or December 2022 may be eligible. Contact Jena for details.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Books should have value for both classroom studies and library collections supporting students' work. The selection panel looks for well-presented books that contain substantial STEM content; that are clear, accurate, and up-to-date. Books need to reflect current scientific research.

The selection committee will evaluate submissions based on their adherence to the following criteria:

- Models innovation
- Illustrates authentic problems
- Assimilates new ideas
- Invites divergent thinking
- Explores multiple solutions
- Integrates STEM practices
- Shows progressive change or improvement
- Accurate content presented in an age-appropriate manner

If material does not suit submitted age level, the committee may recommend an alternative age level appropriate for the content and presentation.

Please keep in mind the following items to better curate your submissions to the STEM list:

- The content in the book is factually correct.
- STEM thinking is evident.
- Suggested activities, investigations, and/or experiments are safe, feasible, and appropriate for the intended age level.

- If there are activities they should reflect divergent thinking.
- The information and illustrations are free of gender, ethnic, cultural, or socio-economic bias, whenever possible.
- Layout is well-organized and advances the text. There should be no spelling, text, or illustration errors.
- Books should not show behavior condoning harassment, sexual content, inappropriate language, and/or violence.
- Books should reflect best practices expressed by NSTA policies.

SEE selected titles from past years for an idea of what the committee looks for.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Download the 2024 Submissions Spreadsheet, fill it out, and email it to Jena.Groshek@cbcbooks.org.

The spreadsheet contains four different tabs: one tab for publisher info and three others corresponding to NSSTB, OSTB, and BSB lists. Please be sure to enter your title information in the correct sheet.

SHIPPING YOUR BOOKS

Do not ship any books until instructed to.

You will be asked to send each title to nine reviewers (**9 copies in total**). The CBC will send the list of shipping instructions and addresses in July. **Books must reach reviewers by October 21, 2023**.

- Ship titles as early as possible. Do it in batches as they're available, don't wait for one large shipment.
- Titles with pub date October, November, December 2023 can be submitted again the following year if you're unable to ship them.

FEES

The submission fee structure is as follows:

CBC Regular Members: No fee

CBC Associate Members: ~~$75~~ $60 per title, per list

Non-Member Publishers: ~~$300~~ $250 per title, per list

Fees are per title, per list and non-refundable. Titles may not be substituted at a later date.

An invoice and payment instructions will be emailed to you after you submit your titles.

if you need to set up a payment plan, please email Jena.

The CBC website has the above information. For questions or more information email email Jena.