



NOMINATION GUIDELINES

The Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards - Kannada

The Room to Read Children's Literature Awards are back for 2026!

In their fourth year, these awards continue to celebrate quality literary efforts by creators and publishers in children's literature, especially in Indian languages. It is our hope that this is a small step in bringing more credibility and significance to the discourse around the genre in India.

The Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards aim to recognise children's books which teachers and librarians have found best-suited to serve children's reading interests! These awards are awarded annually to the most popular children's books in the library/classroom setting, in a hope to promote the role of children's literature and empower teachers and librarians, who are primary agents in the usage of these books.

We are happy to announce that in 2026, the Teacher-Librarian's Choice Awards will be given out to books and publishers in Kannada!

Room to Read invites nominations from publishers for their best-selling children's books in Kannada across **two age brackets (ages 3-8, and ages 8-12)**. Here are the guidelines and criteria!

- The nominated books must cater to children in one of the **two age group categories: 3-8yos and 8-12yos**.
- Nominated books should either originally be in Kannada **OR be adapted/translated from an Indian language/English**.
- The nominations should be illustrated storybooks or picturebooks (**>60% illustrated pages**)
- Eligible books should have been **published or reprinted between 2017-2022**
- You will also be required to upload a low-resolution PDF of the nominated book which will be made available on Room to Read's website for voting.
- To gather a sense of the book's popularity, we ask Publishers to input the book's sales data from this period, upto 31st December, 2025

*Books that cater to children above the age of 12, or adults, are not eligible.

*Books which haven't been reprinted since 2017 are not eligible.

*Books translated into Hindi from a foreign language are not eligible.

To nominate books, click here: <https://forms.gle/fbHV5P4y8S4ToFHc9>

A shortlist of the nominations will be prepared, and teachers and librarians across government schools in Karnataka will be able to vote for their favourite books on our website. Publishers may submit upto 5 nominations for each age group.

LAST DATE FOR NOMINATIONS: 30th APRIL, 2026!

For more information, write to us at RTR.IndiaAwards@roomtoread.org.