



INL Bookstore Nomination Deadlines for 2026



Indie Next Lists

MONTH OF LISTS	NOMINATION DUE DATE	ON SALE DATE RANGE
January 2026	October 27, 2025	Dec. 16, 2025-Jan. 13, 2026
February 2026	November 24, 2025	Jan. 20-Feb. 10, 2026
March 2026	January 12, 2026	Feb. 17-Mar. 17, 2026
April 2026	February 2, 2026	Mar. 17-Apr. 14, 2026
May 2026	March 2, 2026	Apr. 21-May 12, 2026
June 2026	March 23, 2026	May 19-Jun. 16, 2026
July 2026	April 27, 2026	Jun 16-Jul. 14, 2026
August 2026	June 8, 2026	Jul. 21-Aug. 11, 2026
September 2026	July 13, 2026	Aug. 18-Sep. 15, 2026
October 2026	July 27, 2026	Sep. 22-Oct. 13, 2026
November 2026	August 24, 2026	Oct. 20-Nov. 10, 2026
December 2026	September 21, 2026	Nov. 17-Dec. 8, 2026
January 2027	October 26, 2026	Dec. 15, 2026-Jan. 12, 2027
February 2027	November 23, 2026	Jan. 19-Feb. 9, 2027





Kids' Indie Next List

MONTH OF LISTS	NOMINATION DUE DATE	ON SALE DATE RANGE
January/February 2026	November 3, 2025	Dec.–Jan. 2026
March/April 2026	January 5, 2026	Feb.–Mar. 2026
May/June 2026	March 16, 2026	Apr.–May 2026
July/August 2026	May 4, 2026	Jun.–Jul. 2026
September/October 2026	July 6, 2026	Aug.–Sep. 2026
November/December 2026	August 31, 2026	Oct.–Nov. 2026
January/February 2027	November 2, 2026	Dec.–Jan. 2027

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Bookstores must submit nominations by the due date for titles to be considered for a given Indie Next List

