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### *Virginia libraries launch local author contest Virginia Author Project creates opportunities for indie-published authors*

Prince William Public Library System is pleased to join in the announcement of a local author contest that will accept submissions of adult and young adult fiction, to be recognized as the top independently-published eBooks in Virginia.

Winners in each category will receive **\$500** as well as:

- Inclusion in Indie Virginia, a digital collection of local authors on BiblioBoard Library
- Honors at the 2020 Public Library Association Conference in Nashville, TN
- Opportunities to promote the winning title at Virginia public libraries
- Inclusion in a full page spread in *Library Journal*, one of America's oldest and most renowned trade publications for library news

The creation of the Virginia Author Project gives librarians not only a chance to engage with a growing group of fresh literary voices, but also an opportunity to play an active role in the discovery and promotion of new works.

For indie-published authors, the contest is a fantastic prospect to elevate their careers and business. Along with the accolade of the award and its perks, being recognized by librarians creates credibility and visibility in the growing marketplace of digital content and indie-published books. Winning authors will reach hundreds if not thousands of new readers via the library, and can also leverage being an award-winning indie author for additional marketing opportunities.

Each book that is submitted to the contest must be:

- Independently-published
- In the category of adult or young adult fiction
- Written by a Virginia resident
- Available in either PDF or ePUB format

The contest will accept submissions April 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019. Authors can submit at [indieauthorproject.librariesshare.com/virginia](http://indieauthorproject.librariesshare.com/virginia).

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