

# RAINBOW RESOURCE CENTER

is pleased to announce our

**11<sup>TH</sup>** annual summer book  
contest beginning  
May 5, 2025

**DEADLINE!**  
September 5, 2025

Our theme this year is  
**Time Travel.** Using the specific kit from Lulu, Jr., write and  
illustrate an original story about a character(s) who travels  
by some means from one time period to another. Use your  
imagination and get creative! See our Book Contest web  
page for ideas to spur your imagination. Your kit  
includes contest rules, judging rubric, and pages to  
create your story.

**THREE AGE GROUPS**  
7-10 | 11-13 | 14-18

**CASH PRIZES**  
1st: \$250 | 2nd: \$100

**OVERALL WINNER'S  
BOOK IS PUBLISHED**

## RUBRIC

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Plot and time periods<br>are clear to the reader.                           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Characters and story<br>details are well developed.                         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Story is original and unique.   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Intro hooks reader and conclusion<br>resolves the story's problem.          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Grammar, Usage, and<br>Mechanics are all correct.                           | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Spelling is correct and rich<br>vocabulary is used.                         | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Neat handwriting uses all lines on page.                                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Illustrations support the story-line<br>and engage the reader.              | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Cover design engages reader and<br>has title, name, year & an illustration. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Book follows all contest<br>rules. See Rule Sheet.                          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |



# BOOK RULES/CHECKLIST

## Rules for the 2025 RRC Summer Book Contest

### Contest Theme Announcement



### Learn how to submit your book!



- Open to US residents only. Ages 7-18 as of Jan 1, 2025.
- One author per kit. One contest entry per kit, per contest year.
- Creating Your Contest Entry

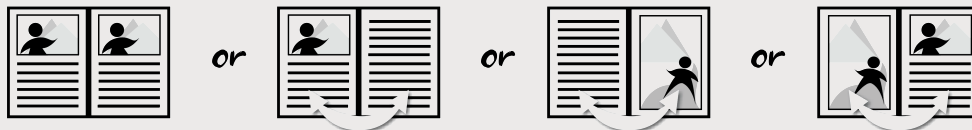
☐ Your completed 7"x9" book will be 18 pages, plus optional dedication page and illustrated cover. Make sure you design:

- Cover – include artwork, book title, author's name and year.
- 18 body pages. Note that Page 1 is on the right-hand side, and page 2-3 will be facing pages.
- Dedication page (optional)

☐ Each author **must handwrite their own book**. Your print handwriting should be dark and easy to read. Larger print works best since your final book size will be 7x9!

☐ Write your story text only on the pages with lines, using as many of these lines as possible. Use the kit's pages to create your final copy. If you need practice pages, make copies of the kit's pages before writing your final book. If you need a fully lined page, one is available on our website to print out and use.

☐ Each author **must illustrate their own book**. Colored pencils or markers work well. 3D or digital art is **not** accepted. Your book's first page will be a single page on the right side (illustration/text/both). After this first page, there must be one illustration for every 2-page spread. See video for examples.



☐ Reference the **judging rubric** as you create your book. Sorry; we cannot share scores with contestants.

- **To officially enter the contest**, we must receive an email with the following information by **Friday Sept 5th, 2025, 5pm CT** to Rainbow Resource Center at [bookcontest@rainbowresource.com](mailto:bookcontest@rainbowresource.com):

☐ "Book title" by author's name, age

☐ Parent name, mailing address, and phone number

☐ Parent email address

☐ Tracking number found at the bottom of the order form inside your Lulu Jr. book kit. Looks like this: SU ##### XX.

☐ Your contest entries will be confirmed with a Rainbow Resource email and a follow-up confirmation letter. If you do not receive our email confirmation by Sept 5th, please contact us to ensure that your child has been officially entered in this year's contest.

- Mailing Your Entry

☐ Physical pages should be postmarked to Lulu Jr. by **Sept 5, 2025**, using the kit's pre-paid envelope. We highly recommend making a color scanned copy of your book for reference until you receive your printed copy.

☐ Your shipping envelope should be stamped with **"RRC"** in the lower front left corner. **If not, please write these letters in the lower front left corner.** These letters ensure Lulu will process your book quickly.

☐ Do **not** send RRC your book in any form. Judges read a digital version of each book provided by Lulu, Jr.

- Winners will be announced via our social media at noon CST, Friday, **November 7**. The winning book is typically available for purchase shortly after the announcement date.
- For contest questions, email Ruth or Sara at [bookcontest@rainbowresource.com](mailto:bookcontest@rainbowresource.com). For publishing questions, email [customerservice@lulujr.com](mailto:customerservice@lulujr.com).