

## WVRA Regional Literature Fair Guidelines

1. Every project must have a backboard. This can be homemade or purchased from your school or a store. Just make sure the backboard is able to stand by itself when placed on a tabletop.
2. No project may occupy a space larger than 30" front to back and 36" side to side. Displays must fit on the table space provided.
3. Project utilizing any type of battery operated devices in the display must use these items as an enhancement to the project. Electronic media may not be used in lieu of the oral presentation. Judges will deduct points from the overall score for failure to follow this guideline.
4. Each participant must give an oral presentation 3-5 minutes in length. It is suggested that both members speak in a pair or class project. (If a participant feels that 3-5 minutes is inadequate, he/she may need to add information to his/her project board.)
5. Projects may be entered as individual, pair or class projects. **A pair project may consist of only two people. A class project requires input of at least half of the class members and may only have two representatives to present the project.**
6. A project must be a student's work. Points will be deducted if resources and direct quotes are not credited to their original source. Blatant plagiarism may result in the project being disqualified. Parents, teachers, and other adults may give suggestions and guidance to the student; however, the student must perform all actual construction of the project and display.
7. Spelling and grammar are important and should be correct.
8. Be imaginative, neat, and creative.
9. Don't wait until the last minute to begin your reading and do your research.
10. Place ribbons will be awarded to the first through third place winners in each category and division. A Best of Show ribbon will be awarded for each division. All participants will receive a participation ribbon. Place Ribbons will be awarded according to a project's score and merit, regardless of the number of projects in a particular category. The judging team has authority to decide if projects merit a

Best of Show ribbon, or a First, Second, or Third place ribbon, based on their scoring of each project.

11. All County First place winners may advance to the Regional Literature Fair. Second place winners may advance if the First place winner is unable to compete at the county level.
12. All First place winners of the regional fair may display their projects at the WVRA annual conference held at the Greenbrier in November.

### **Minimum Score Ranges for Awarding Ribbons**

**First Place—90-100—Award one ribbon!**

**Second Place—80+**

**Third Place—70+**

You may have ties for Places Second and Third. Please be sure students have the same scores in the event of ties.

**There can only be one First Place.** So, for example, if you have a score of 100, a score of 99, and a score of 95, those projects would be your First, Second, and Third Places.