The Living New Deal invites submissions for the 2023 New Deal Book Award

The Living New Deal, a nonprofit in Berkeley, California, has established the Annual New Deal Book Award, to recognize and encourage non-fiction works about U.S. history in the New Deal era (1933–1942).

“This remarkable decade spanned the depths of the Great Depression through our nation’s entry into World War II. Today, interest in the New Deal is on the rise as the nation grapples with climate change, rebuilding infrastructure, and meeting the challenges of affordable housing, health care and economic inequality.” said Richard Walker, director of the Living New Deal.

Eligible books for the 2023 New Deal Book Award must have a publication date of 2023 on the book’s copyright page and be nominated by a publisher or author colleague. The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2023. The winner will be announced in spring 2024 and receive a cash prize of $1,000, to be awarded during the Roosevelt Reading Festival at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum at Hyde Park NY in summer 2024, to which the winner and finalists will be invited.

The 2023 New Deal Book Award and finalists will be chosen by a distinguished Review Committee. Please submit the brief nomination form and send a copy of the book to each of the reviewers.

The Living New Deal began in 2007 as a project of the Geography Department at University of California, Berkeley, mapping the locations of New Deal artworks, libraries, post offices, schools, community centers, airports, roads, bridges, parks and more. In addition to resources about the New Deal—policies, profiles, and achievements—the Living New Deal website includes an interactive map describing more than 17,500 New Deal sites nationwide. The growing number of mapped New Deal sites is crowdsourced by volunteers who submit their discoveries via the website and a mobile phone app. Livingnewdeal.org drew more than three million visits last year.