

# Upgrading your Member Status

Remember, upgrading your SCBWI [member status](#) is as easy as a few clicks!

If you have published a children's magazine article or an indie book, or if you've signed a contract for an upcoming PAL book or magazine article, feel free to log into [www.illinois.scbwi.org](http://www.illinois.scbwi.org) and go to your MEMBER PROFILE page. Here, you can upload your new titles into the bookstore. *This will automatically upgrade your member status!*

## Here are the instructions:

- Log in to your SCBWI account and click on MY HOME in the upper right corner to go to your MEMBER PROFILE.
- Scroll down to PUBLICATIONS and click the "Add" link in the Books column.
- A new page, "Edit Book," appears.
- Fill in your book's title and upload a .jpg of your book's cover.
- Click the PUBLISHER dropdown list.
  - A box opens to reveal the current list of PAL publishers.
  - Scroll down the list and look for your publisher. If you find your publisher, select it.\*
  - Additional fields may open asking if you'd like to submit to the SCBWI Reading List or other programs.
    - You will not fill in the "Other Publisher" field and
    - you will not check the "Self-Published" checkbox.
- After you have filled in all the fields that pertain to your book, click the green SAVE button at the bottom of the page. Your membership will automatically update to PAL. Note that only books published by a PAL publisher qualify for PAL status.

## \*What happens if my publisher is not on the PAL list?

- If you believe your publishing house deserves PAL status, [review these guidelines](#).
- If your publisher meets the guideline criteria, please fill out the [request form](#).

If you are not a PAL member and you don't see your publisher on the dropdown list, enter the name of your publisher in the "Other Publisher" field. Once you complete and save the information, your membership level will be listed as "FULL."