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Call for Student Entries

Library of Congress Announces the 21st Annual Letter Writing Contest for Young Readers

Letters About Literature (LAL), a national reading and writing promotion program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, invites young readers in grades 4 – 10 to enter the 21st Annual LAL letter writing competition. The contest challenges young readers to write a personal letter to an author explaining how that author's work somehow changed the reader's view of the world.

LAL awards prizes on both state and national level in three competition levels: Level 1 for children in grades 4 – 6; Level 2 for children in grades 7 – 8; and Level 3 for children in grades 9 – 10. National winners will receive a cash award of \$1,000.

To download the official entry guidelines and entry form, visit the LAL website at www.lettersaboutliterature.org. Teachers, librarians, and parents can download free teaching materials, including lesson plans, assessment checklists, and student writing samples at the LAL website.

Submission deadline is *postmark* January 11, 2013. State winners will be notified in April 2013 and national winners by May 2013.

The Idaho Commission for Libraries is proud to sponsor the 2013 Letters About Literature writing competition for Idaho.