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Winners of 2015 “Letters About Literature” Contest Honored at Awards Event

BOISE, ID— Twelve Idaho students won at the state level of the 2015 “[Letters About Literature](#)” Contest and were honored Friday, May 1, during an Awards Luncheon in the Capitol Dining Room of the Statehouse. State Librarian Ann Joslin congratulated the students and thanked them for their thoughtful and heart-felt letters. She also expressed appreciation to family members and teachers for supporting the students’ love of literature and providing encouragement in their writing.

Idaho author N.D. Wilson was the keynote speaker. The event was also attended by State Superintendent Sherri Ybarra and one of the state-level judges, Dr. Stan Steiner. Each of the 12 Idaho winners received a Visa gift card; a framed personalized certificate signed by the State Librarian; a new hardbound book; and a copy of Wilson's novel *Boys of Blur*, which he signed after the event.



Front Row: Catherine Ji, Katy Heywood, Alex Grant, Amber Leyba, and Jeneva Dredge
Back Row: Kaili Jeffery, Sara Bennett, Kendall Thiede, Catherine Dillon, Miles Maxcer, and Hannah Maag

This year’s winners are:

Level I, Grades 4-6:

- 1st Place—Jeneva Dredge, 4th grade, Ammon Elementary School, Ammon
- 2nd Place—Katy Heywood, 6th grade, Wood River Middle School, Hailey
- 3rd Place—Kaili Jeffery, 6th grade, Snake River Montessori, Ammon
- Honorable Mention—Alex Grant, 5th grade, St Paul’s Catholic School, Nampa

Level II, Grades 7-8

- 1st Place—Catherine Ji, 8th grade, North Junior High, Boise
- 2nd Place—Sara Bennett, 8th grade, St Paul’s Catholic School, Nampa
- 3rd place—Amber Leyba, 8th grade, Idaho Science and Technology Charter School, Blackfoot
- Honorable Mention—Hannah Maag, 8th grade, River City Middle School, Post Falls

Level III, Grades 9-12

- 1st Place—Miles Maxcer, 11th grade, Moscow High School, Moscow
- 2nd Place—Kendall Thiede, 10th grade, Timberline High School, Boise
- 3rd Place—Catherine Dillon, 10th grade, Timberline High School, Boise
- Honorable Mention—Luisa Graden, 11th grade, Moscow High School, Moscow

Letters About Literature, a national reading and writing promotion for young readers, is coordinated and funded by the Library of Congress Center for the Book. The Idaho Commission for Libraries is a state-level partner. Students in grades 4-12 read a book from any genre and write a personal letter to the author explaining how the book changed their views of the world or themselves. Find more information and download the above photo and other group photos at libraries.idaho.gov/blogs/celebrating-2015-LAL-contest-winners. For photos of individual winners contact Teresa.lipus@libraries.idaho.gov.

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