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Call for Student Entries: Letters About Literature Contest

BOISE, ID – The Idaho Commission for Libraries is pleased to announce the 2015-2016 Letters About Literature (LAL) writing competition. Letters About Literature is a national program of the Center for the Book in Library of Congress. The contest challenges readers in grades 4–12 to write a personal letter to an author explaining how that author’s work changed the reader’s view of the world. “By encouraging personal reader response and reflexive writing, LAL encourages meaningful reading and helps to create successful writers,” said Jeannie Standal, school library consultant at the Commission. “The Commission is proud to continue our sponsorship of this learning opportunity for Idaho students.”

Letters About Literature awards prizes at both the state and national level in three competition levels: Level 1 for students in grades 4 – 6; Level 2 for students in grades 7 and 8; and Level 3 for students in grades 9 – 12. State winners receive a cash award of \$100 and national winners receive a cash award of \$1,000.

This contest could be an excellent project for a class or for individual students. To download the entry guidelines and required entry coupon, as well as a free Teaching Guide that includes Common Core State Standards, visit the LAL website at www.read.gov/letters/.

Submission deadlines:

Level 3: December 4, 2015 (postmarked)

Levels 1 and 2: January 11, 2016 (postmarked)

Find more information at <http://libraries.idaho.gov/lal>.

State winners will be notified in April 2016 and national winners in May 2016.

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