



Letters About Literature

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Alaska Center for the Book Launches “Letters About Literature 2017”

Students in grades 4 through 12 are invited to enter Letters About Literature 2017, a national writing contest sponsored by Alaska Center for the Book and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores. The contest deadlines are **December 2, 2016 (Level 3)** and **January 9, 2017 (Levels 1 and 2)**.

To enter, students must write a letter to an author—living or dead—explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves.

The contest has **three** competition levels: Level 1 is open to students in grades 4 through 6; Level 2 is open to students in grades 7-8; and Level 3 is open to grades 9-12.

Each letter must be accompanied by an official entry coupon or copy of one. Entry coupons will be available at your local participating library or online at www.alaskacenterforthebook.org. Guidelines and teaching supplements are also available for teachers, parents, or librarians at the site.

Alaska state winners at each level will receive a \$100 cash prize. They also advance to national competition. Runners-up receive \$50 cash.

Six national winners (two per competition level) and 12 national honorable mentions (four per competition level) will be selected. National Winners in each competition level will receive a \$1,000 cash award, and National Honor Winners in each competition level will receive a \$200 cash award.

The 23rd annual writing contest for young readers is made possible by a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, with additional support from gifts to the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, which promotes the contest through its affiliate Centers for the Book, state libraries and other organizations.