



Iowa Center for the Book

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Iowa youth encouraged to participate in Letters About Literature

With 671 Iowa entries in 2004 and 1,166 in 2005, the national Letters About Literature program for students in grades 4 through 12 has overwhelmingly surpassed expectations.

Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing program sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores and in cooperation with the Iowa Center for the Book. Students write to a favorite author, past or present, describing how the author's work changed their view of the world or themselves. Readers respond to the book they've read by exploring the personal relationship between themselves, the author and the book's characters or themes.

There are three competition levels: Level I - grades 4-6; Level II - grades 7-8; and Level III - grades 9-12. The Iowa winner at each level will receive a cash prize of \$100 and a Target gift card and will advance to national competition. Six national winners will receive an expense paid trip to the Washington, D.C. to read their letters during the National Book Festival in the fall of 2006.

The deadline for entries is December 1, 2005. Students' letters may be submitted by teachers, librarians or parents.

For more information, visit the Iowa Center for the Book web site at www.iowacenterforthebook.org, e-mail coordinator@iowacenterforthebook.org, or call the State Library of Iowa, 1-800-248-4483; (515) 281-4105.

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