


Letters About Literature 2010

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target presents
LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE 
Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing promotion program.

The Letters About Literature competition, a reading promotion program of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, is presented annually in partnership with Target and state Centers for the Book. To enter, young readers write a personal letter to an author explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. The program has three competition levels: upper elementary (grades 4-6), middle school (grades 7-8), and secondary (grades 9-12). Over 70,000 students from across the country participated in the 2010 contest, 822 of whom were from Arizona.



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At the “Reading the Best” ceremony; first, second, and third place prizes were awarded to Arizona’s winners in each level. The students from across Arizona had written letters to authors as varied as J.K. Rowling, John Bibebe, and Tanuja Desai Hidier. All first place winners advanced to the national Letters About Literature competition. One of the Arizona students, Marisa Meier, was chosen as one of two winners in Level II nationally, earning a \$10,000 reading promotion grant from Target for her school library.



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ONEBOOKAZ authors Jana Bommersbach and Susan Lowell each spoke at the awards ceremony. The authors presented students with autographed copies of their books along with their prizes, provided by the national Center for the Book and Target. After the ceremony, attendees had an opportunity to meet with both ONEBOOKAZ and student authors at a dessert reception.