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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2015-141

**TO:** District Superintendents  
School Principals

**FROM:** Brent Young, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** November 23, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Contest: Letters About Literature

# CONTEST: LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

## TIME SENSITIVE

The Wyoming State Library invites young readers in grades 4-12 to submit their entries to Letters About Literature (LAL), a national writing contest sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

The Library will award \$150 to the first place winner in each level, \$100 to second place, and \$50 for third. National winners in each competition level will receive a \$1,000 cash award; national honor winners in each level will receive a \$200 cash award.

To enter, students write a letter to an author, past or present, describing how that author's work somehow changed the students' view of the world or of themselves. There are three competition levels: Level 1 for students in grades 4-6, Level 2 for grades 7-8, and Level 3 for grades 9-12.

Postmark deadline for Level 3 is December 4, 2015. Deadline for Levels 1 and 2 is January 11, 2016. Students may submit their letters individually, or teachers may choose to have their classrooms participate. More information, guidelines, entry forms and teacher resources are available at [www.wyominglibraries.org/read-be-inspired-write-back.html](http://www.wyominglibraries.org/read-be-inspired-write-back.html). See examples of winning letters at [www.read.gov/letters/contests/winners/2015](http://www.read.gov/letters/contests/winners/2015).

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