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Celebrating Excellence in Literacy
2014 Letters About Literature Competition

Letters About Literature is a reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12 sponsored by the U.S. Library of Congress Center for the Book in Washington, DC. Students are asked to read a book, poem or speech and write to that author (living or dead) about how the book affected them personally. Letters are judged on state and national levels.

The Nevada State Library and Archives recognizes Kennedy Cole, from Minden Elementary School for her exemplary entry. Kennedy's letter to Jeanne Birdsall, author of *The Penderwicks* books, was a state winner and made it to the finals in national judging, in Washington, D.C.

There were 50,000 letters originally submitted nationally to the Library of Congress in 2014 from all 50 states. Of those, 140 winners were identified at the state level, and their letters were re-submitted to the Library of Congress for national judging. Kennedy, as a Nevada state winner, was among 26 students identified nationally whose letters made it to the list of candidates selected for final consideration in the judging.

Nevada State winners are:

Level 1, grades 4-6: Kennedy Cole, Minden Elementary School

Level 2, grades 7-8: Julianne Agapinan, from The Adelson Education Campus in Las Vegas

Level 3, grades 9-12: Nancy Villeda, home-schooled

The Letters About Literature program is sponsored in Nevada by the Nevada Center for the Book, an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book. The Nevada Center for the Book, is a program of the Nevada State Library and Archives,

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