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COLORADO STUDENTS HONORED IN NATIONAL WRITING & ART COMPETITIONS Colorado Humanities and Center for the Book Host Student Literary Awards

Denver – Forty Colorado students will be honored at the sixth annual Student Literary Awards at the Denver Public Library on Thursday, May 7th. The winning students, surrounded by parents, family members, teachers and educators from across the state, will be recognized for their literary or artistic achievements in two national competitions presented by the **Library of Congress**:

- **Letters About Literature** participants write a personal letter to an author about how their book changed their perspective on the world.
- **River of Words** contestants create art and poetry about the role of watersheds and the environment in our lives.

“This year’s participation shows we’re offering K-12 programs that challenge the creativity and critical thinking skills of young people,” said Josephine Jones, Colorado Humanities and Center for the Book director of programs. “The quality of work submitted continues to improve in each year of the competition.”

Last year, Colorado had a national grand prize winner and a national finalist in the River of Words poetry contest. Jack Baker, a 2nd grader from Polaris at Ebert Elementary School (DPS) won First Place nationally for his poem “Sewer”. Colorado Humanities and its program department, Colorado Center for the Book, administer the program at the state level.

About Colorado Humanities

Founded in 1974, Colorado Humanities is the only statewide non-profit organization in Colorado dedicated exclusively to support the humanities. Each year, the organization’s teacher education, reading and writing and living history programs, grants and special events serve more than 200,000 people in 30 counties across Colorado.

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