

What Massachusetts teachers and librarians are saying about *Letters About Literature*

“Everyone [in my class] enjoyed discussing their favorite books from childhood to present day! This contest certainly propelled them to write and share their intimate stories in connection with each special book.”

—Jessica Corkum, Triton Regional Middle School,
Byfield

“Thank you for this opportunity to allow children to write letters to their favorite authors...The children love to talk about their favorite books. Writing letters helps them process more definitely what it is they love about their favorites.”

—Deb Barry, Mapleshade Elementary School, East
Longmeadow

“As we try to keep students reading beyond the classroom, and beyond elementary school, contests such as these are exciting tools...Hearing young people describe the importance of reading in their lives is a thrill.”

—Sue McHugh, Cedar School, Hanover

“For the first time in four years, I took the time to print out the LAL teaching materials and I was blown away at what a huge difference it made in my students’ writing...I will definitely use the lesson plans for years to come.”

—Morah Becky Lederman, Lander~Grinspoon
Academy, Northampton

“Your contest is the most meaningful, authentic writing contest that I have encountered in my 20 years as a reading and English teacher at the secondary level.”

—Eileen Sejkora, Norton Middle School, Norton

“This year, my students LOVED the idea of entering a contest, and they loved writing to their favorite authors. This program has become, perhaps, the most important assignment I give all year.”

—Julie Tobin, Page Hilltop School, Ayer