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Center Announces 2014-15 *Letters About Literature* Winners

The Empire State Center for the Book is pleased to announce the three winners of this year's *Letters About Literature* contest. These outstanding students will be honored at the New York State Writers Hall of Fame Induction Gala on Tuesday, June 2, at the Princeton Club of New York. Hall of Fame inductees Francine Prose, David Remnick, and Colm Toibin will be on hand to welcome the winners. Ann Martin will present the winners with a framed certificate and monetary award at the event. Martin is the creator of the *Baby Sitters Club* series and author of many other books including *Rain, Reign*, which will represent New York State at this year's National Book Festival.

The *Letters About Literature* program, sponsored by the [Empire State Center for the Book](http://www.empirestatebook.org) and the Library of Congress, is a national reading and writing promotion contest. To enter, readers write personal letters to an author, living or dead, from any genre, explaining how that author's work changed their way of thinking about the world or themselves.

2014-2015 Winners:

Level One – Elementary (Grades 4 -6)

Juliana Yu, 6th grade, The Dalton School, New York, NY

Level Two – Middle (Grades 7-8)

Helen Schauffler, 8th grade, Onteora Middle School, Onteora, NY

Level Three – High (Grades 9-12)

Aissatou Toure, 10th grade, St. Jean Baptiste High School, New York, NY

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