

# 2016 Illinois Young Authors' Conference

Dear Parents:

It is time for students at Whittier School to start work on their entries for the 42nd Annual Young Authors' competition. The Illinois Language and Literacy Council sponsors this annual writing conference for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The purpose of the program is to recognize the accomplishments of young authors and to support classroom teachers in their efforts to develop students' abilities in writing, reading, listening, and sharing.

The winner from each grade level will be invited to donate a copy of their work to the Whittier LRC. A 6th grade student representative from Whittier will be invited to share their written work with other young authors (as well as a noted children's author) at a one-day conference on **Saturday, May 14, 2016**. This will be held at the Illinois State University campus in Normal, Illinois.

All students are invited to submit entries. Please use the following guidelines for submission of an entry:

- The work must be the student's own and should be a polished piece, representing his or her best effort. It may be typed or handwritten.
- Dictated books may be typed or handwritten by an adult, but must be in the student's **own** language.
- Parents may help with editing for correct spelling and punctuation.
- Stories may be illustrated.
- Books may be authored and/or illustrated by two students, who are from the same grade level.
- Manuscripts must have a substantial cover with pages securely attached.
- Manuscripts that contain violence or the use of weapons will not be considered.
- Students should submit one copy of their entry to the LRC by **Friday, February 26th, 2016**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at: [kcoleman@dg58.org](mailto:kcoleman@dg58.org).  
Have fun writing!

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