

2024 Writer To Writer Challenge for Adult Learners of California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Libraries



Dear Adult Learner:

The California State Library invites you to join other Adult Learners in the 2024 <u>Writer to Writer Challenge</u>. It is a chance for you to:

- share your thoughts with others in writing
- relate what you read in a book/story or poem to your own life
- become a writer yourself!

We hope that you and your tutor will use the <u>Writer to Writer Challenge</u> as part of your regular tutoring as a way to promote reading for meaning and enjoyment, and to practice writing skills.

Please take time to review the attached materials and then write a letter to an author whose writing has changed the way you think about life. Your letter is just a friendly note to a favorite author, living or dead. It can be short or long, but it must be no more than 500 words. (Please note that the letters will not be mailed to the book's author, but submitted to the judging committee.)

You can write about a book you have read or an audiobook you have listened to. The letter you write can be told to your tutor as s/he writes down your words, or it can be something you have written yourself. This challenge is for everyone – from beginning to advanced level learners. The book you read or listen to and your letter must be in English. One entry per person. Even if you read more than one book by an author, please write your letter about just one of the books.

To participate in the Challenge, please do the following:

- Read the Instructions and complete the Entry Form.
- Write a letter without using a translator or AI application.
- Staple the Entry Form to your letter.
- Copy your letter and form to keep for yourself.
- Turn in your original letter and form to a staff member to submit for judging.

Your letter must be received on or before Thursday, February 15, 2024.

Everyone who writes a letter will receive a certificate of acknowledgement. The top writer and runners-up in each category will be chosen by a panel of other Adult Learners and will be recognized by CLLS. The winning letters will be published in a book and on the CLLS website. For questions, please contact:

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Sincerely,

Writer To Writer Challenge Committee