

The ladies at Magnolia Place Health Care really know how to put on a great spread for Thanksgiving.



Jacelyn Traeger at Magnolia Place Health Care showed off her creative skills with this handsome fellow she created for a centerpiece for the serving table. His body is a pumpkin and his head is a squash.



Entries being accepted for Letters About Literature Texas

AUSTIN, TX - The Texas Center for the Book announces the opening of the Letters About Literature Texas writing contest for 2026-2027. Texas 4th through 12th graders are invited to participate in this annual writing competition. The theme for 2026-2027 is "Read. Be Inspired. Write Back."

Students select a book, book series, essay, play, poem, short story or speech and write a letter to an author (living or dead) explaining how his or her work changed their view of themselves or the world. They may write about challenging events in their lives that relate to a book they have read.

Competition categories are for grades 4-6, grades 7-8 and grades 9-12. The contest is open to all Texas students, including public, private and homeschool.

Winners receive monetary awards with grants awarded to the school libraries of each first place winner. A new Honorable Mention category has been added this year.

First place winners will travel to the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in San Antonio in April 2027 to be recognized in a ceremony at the conference.

The online submission portal is now open at (https://xtexas-statelibrary.submittable.com/submit). Entry deadline is Wed., Jan. 27, 2027. Applications are accepted only through the portal. To learn more including full rules, prize information and submission instructions, visit tsl.texas.gov/lettersaboutliterature.

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