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## **State Winners Announced in National Reading and Writing Contest for Young Readers**

Delaware Center for the Book and Delaware Division of Libraries are pleased to announce the state winners in the *Letters About Literature* essay contest. This signature program of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target Stores, inspires young people to write to an author whose work changed their view of themselves or the world. Over 650 students throughout Delaware participated in the contest this year.

First prize winners Connor Driscall, Chloe Dye, and Emilee Maroun will each receive a \$50 Target GiftCard and \$100 cash prize. Additionally, \$100 will go to the public or school library of their choice for the purchase of books. Connor Driscall chose the Holy Cross School Library in Dover, Chloe Dye chose the Mariner Middle School Library in Milton, and Emilee Maroun chose the Delaware Military Academy Library in Wilmington. The winners will receive their *Letters About Literature* award during the annual awards ceremony of the school or program that sponsored their entry.

### *Delaware Winners - 2008 Letters About Literature*

#### **Level One (Grades 4 – 6)**

Connor Driscall – C. S. Lewis, *The Last Battle*  
Holy Cross School, Dover

#### **Level Two (Grades 7 & 8)**

Chloe Dye – Mitch Albom, *Tuesdays with Morrie*  
Academic Challenge Program, Delaware Technical and Community College,  
Georgetown

**Level Three (Grades 9 – 12)**

Emilee Maroun – Don Piper, *90 Minutes in Heaven*  
Delaware Military Academy, Wilmington

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