

Reminders for students:

- All entries will be read and scored by a committee of judges prior to the Young Writers' Festival. Judges will use the rubric you have received.
- Entry must be your original work.
- Entry must be a finished and polished product ready for publication (edited, rewritten—your best work). **Entries must be typed.**
- No entries will be returned, so keep a copy.
- Winners and awards will be announced on the day of the Festival (parents welcome at that time).

All entries and registration due to the GCOE Library Media Center by **January 11, 2012.**

*This Year's Featured Presenters:



Back by popular demand, **Michael Katz** will wow students with his amazing talent of storytelling. His stories are told with his signature energetic, animated, and original tales.

We have his CD available for check out here at the Library Media Center. See all he does at his website, storyteller-michael.com/.



Mina Javaharbin is an award winning author. Her book *Goal!* is nominated for this year's California Young Readers Medal award in the

Picture Books for Older Readers category. For more information about Ms. Javaharbin, go to her website, <http://minajavaherbin.com>.

More presenters to come, so stay tuned.

Changes in 2012

- **Registration fee is \$5.**
- **Lunch is NOT included. Students need to bring their own.**
- **The festival has been moved from Willows to Orland at the Glenn County Fairgrounds.**



GLENN COUNTY
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Young Writers' Festival

For Glenn County students in grades 4th-8th

Thursday, February 9, 2012

10:00-2:00

Glenn County Fairgrounds in Orland



Submissions and registration due JANUARY 11, 2012

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All writing entries, registration, and fees are due January 11th. Registration materials can be found on the GCOE Library Media Center website.

What is the Young Writers' Festival?

Now in its' 5th year, the Young Writers' Festival exposes students in grades 4th-8th to published authors, illustrators, storytellers, and more. Students submit a piece of writing in one genre and choose whether or not to have it judged by a panel of educators. They then spend the day immersed in the lives of those published and working in the field of literacy. In a conference format, students listen to presenters as a whole group and then break for small group workshops. Lunch and a performance follow, ending with the student awards ceremony.

Guidelines

- Everyone must submit a piece of writing to attend the Festival. Students may decide, however, whether or not they want their submission to be judged.
- Writing **MUST BE TYPED**.
- Judging will be based on the STAR Writing Rubric and CAHSEE rubrics, taking into consideration age/grade level of students.
- There is a \$5.00 fee per student. This fee supplements costs such as facility rental, and author fees. Schools have often received funding from their PTA.
- All registrations must be received by **JANUARY 11TH**.
- There is to be one adult per 10 students attending.
- Student work will not be returned.

Tentative Schedule:

10:00-10:30	Introductions, author presentations
10:35-11:20	Workshop 1
11:25-12:10	Workshop 2
12:15-12:40	Lunch/book purchasing/signing
12:45-1:30	Author presentation
1:30-1:45	Awards ceremony
1:45-2:00	Farewell and book purchasing/signing

What is required?

Students:

- Choose your writing genre. Look at the rubric. You can enter into more than one genre, but only one submission per genre will be accepted.
- Write, edit, and rewrite (and edit, rewrite, edit, rewrite, etc.) a piece of work. Your **entry must be typed**.
- Submit your writing, registration, and payment to your teacher.

Teachers:

- Assist your students with their writing.
- Assemble entries, registrations, and payment. Turn into GCOE Library Media Center by **JANUARY 11TH**.
- Confirm with the office that student release forms for photography are on file. Provide GCOE with any names of students without photo release permission.
- Plan for transportation and supervisors for the day of the event.

Genres

You will receive a rubric for the following genres. Please carefully read these so that you know what the judges are looking for.

Narrative: Fiction (including but not limited to: fantasy, legends, and fact-based stories)

Expository: Nonfiction, Persuasive Essay, or Response to Literature

Biography: An account of a person's life written by another

Autobiography: The biography of a person written by that person

Journalism: News Articles, Editorials, Opinion Columns, etc.

Poetry: Any form

Graphic Novel: comic book with high quality storyline and artwork

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