

What will students do at the LitFest?

- Spend the afternoon (1:00 - 6:00 pm) with hundreds of other Tehama County students, grades 5-12, who share an interest in writing and literature.
- See presentations by visiting authors.
- Actively participate in two small-group workshops led by local people who share a diversity of skills.
- Participate in a lively awards ceremony for student authors.
- Purchase books from *Barnes and Noble*™ and visiting authors and have them autographed.

How does the LitFest address California Standards?

- Students have an opportunity to learn from local and nationally known people who use and value writing, art, and computers.
- Contains a writing and illustrating contest that provides an authentic audience for student writing and recognizes student excellence.
- Categories:
 - ✓ Narrative (fiction, fictional biography or autobiography)
 - ✓ Expository (nonfiction, persuasive essay, response to literature)
 - ✓ Journalism
 - ✓ Poetry
 - ✓ Illustration
- The LitFest experience gives students a better appreciation for writing and literature and motivates academic achievement.

Checklist for Teachers

- Request a LitFest Information Packet (by returning the form in this brochure).
- Help students prepare their work (edited and ready for publication).
- Help students submit their work, registration forms, and payment (\$10 each).
- Make arrangements for chaperones to attend LitFest.

The Information Packet will include full details.

Featured Authors



Matt grew up outside of Albany, NY. and lives not far from there today. He went to college at Alfred University, then graduate school in Buffalo. When he's not working on illustration and children's books, he spends his time teaching as a professor at the Sage College of Albany in Albany, NY. He's a past president of the Albany chapter of the Graphic Artists Guild.



John Grandits is an award-winning book and magazine designer and the author of "Beatrice Black Bear," a monthly cartoon for Click™ magazine. He was a creative force behind the highly successful children's magazines: Muse™, Cricket™, and Click™. John lives in Red Bank, NJ, with his wife, Joanne, a children's librarian, and Gilbert, an evil cat. *Technically, It's Not My Fault* is his first book of poetry.

"I love the Literary Festival...it taught me about literature and acting! It was fun."
--Evergreen student

"It was well planned and the classes were fun! Keep up the good work."
--Educator

Award presentation was "so exciting, my hands hurt."
--Vista student

"It was a wonderful experience."
--Richfield student

"The workshops were all great!"
--Mercy High student

"Wow!...I really like how diverse all the exposure to writing is."
--High school teacher

"This is the best event in the county for our students."
--Administrator

*** * IMPORTANT * ***

You must return this form to receive the LitFest information and registration packet.

Return to:

Jennifer Stetson

Tehama County
Department of Education

25th Annual
Tehama County LitFest
Thursday, April 14 * Red Bluff High School

Please Return

Intent to Participate

- I would like to receive an information packet for this year's LitFest.
- I would like to serve on this year's LitFest Committee.

Contact Information

School : _____

Teacher : _____

Classroom Phone : _____

E-mail Address : _____

Estimated Number of Students
Participating: _____ Grade: _____

Return to:
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For more information:
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writing!*

*Meet published
authors!*

*Attend interesting
workshops!*

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