



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **Hundreds of North Carolina Students Participate in Statewide Art Contest**

Hundreds of North Carolina students recently participated in a statewide art contest. Teachers and students from around the state in grades K-8 enthusiastically responded to a call for submissions for the North Carolina Literary Festival Bookmark Art Contest. **The purpose of the contest was to engage students in the advance promotions for the North Carolina Literary Festival, which will be held from April 15 through 18, 2004. The festival is expected to attract thousands of visitors over the course of the weekend. The biennial event, which is cosponsored by NC State, Duke, and UNC-Chapel Hill, will be held at the NC State campus in Raleigh.**

Members of the NCSU Libraries staff judged more than 900 entries and selected the final winners on December 4, 2003. There was one winning entry chosen per grade. The winners'

#### ***Samples of the winning art work from the 2004 North Carolina Literary Festival Art Contest***

*[Left] Katelyn Parrott (second grade), Mt. Energy Elementary, Creedmoor.*

*[Far right] Fawn Sunshine Oxendine (sixth grade), Swansboro Middle School, Swansboro.*





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artwork will be developed into bookmarks and festival posters that will be distributed across the state.

The winning entries were submitted by **Suzannah Kaiser** (Kindergarten), Falkland Elementary, Greenville; **Luke Sasser** (1st Grade), Wiley International Studies Elementary, Raleigh; **Katelyn Parrott** (2nd Grade), Mt. Energy Elementary, Creedmoor; **Callie Walters** (3rd Grade), J. W. Seabrook, Fay; **Sarah Bailey Wilson** (4th Grade), Myers Park Traditional, Charlotte; **Drew Pressly** (5th Grade), Myers Park Traditional, Charlotte; **Fawn Sunshine Oxendine** (6th Grade), Swansboro Middle School, Swansboro; **Ashley Pederson** (7th Grade), Rosewood Middle, Goldsboro; **Arie Gee** (8th Grade), Buraw Middle School, Burgaw.

“Every school in North Carolina was invited to participate in our bookmark contest. Children in grades K-8 were invited to create bookmarks that highlighted the theme “Read Your Way to the North Carolina Literary Festival,” said North Carolina Literary Festival Program Director Laura Hudson. “The response has been absolutely phenomenal. I’m so pleased that we had more than fifty schools respond and over 900 students participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for our schoolchildren to partner with us in promoting this great event.”

Updated information about the North Carolina Literary Festival is available on the Web at [www.lib.ncsu.edu/nclitfest2004](http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/nclitfest2004). Images of all the winning entries can be found there.