Through the generosity of philanthropist David M. Rubenstein, the Library of Congress Literacy Awards Program recognizes nonprofit organizations that have made outstanding contributions to increasing literacy in the United States and abroad. The awards encourage the continuing development of innovative methods for combating illiteracy and the wide dissemination of the most effective practices. They are intended to stimulate public awareness of the importance of literacy.

THE AWARDS

The David M. Rubenstein Prize is awarded to an organization that has made outstanding and measurable contributions to increasing literacy levels and has demonstrated exceptional and sustained depth and breadth in its commitment to the advancement of literacy. The organization will meet the highest standards of excellence in its operations and services. This award may be given to any organization based either inside or outside the United States.

$150K

The American Prize is awarded to an organization that has made a significant and measurable contribution to increasing literacy levels in the United States or the national awareness of the importance of literacy. This award may be given to any organization that is based in the United States.

$50K

The International Prize is awarded to an organization or national entity that has made a significant and measurable contribution to increasing literacy levels in a country other than the United States. This award may be given to any organization based either inside or outside the United States.

$50K

ADMINISTRATION

The Library of Congress Literacy Awards Program is administered by the Professional Learning and Outreach Initiatives Office, a unit of the Center for Learning, Literacy and Engagement at the Library of Congress.

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