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Governor Rell Announces One Million Books Read in Reading Program

Governor M. Jodi Rell today congratulated Connecticut students for reading one million books in the “2005 Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge.” Governor Rell presented students and school representatives with special certificates during the ceremony at Bennet Middle School in Manchester.

“Participation in this year’s summer reading challenge far exceeded previous years. Our success is attributed to the outstanding reading programs in all of our schools,” said Governor Rell. “I’m proud of our children who participated in this year’s event. Reading is the most important academic skill of all – one that goes the farthest in ensuring future success.”

The Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge was initiated in 1996, and since its inception, more than 6 million books have been read. This year 170,000 students participated representing more than 803 schools across the state. Last year, 841,000 books were read.

The awards are based on two factors: The average number of books read per student and the percentage of students participating in the challenge.

A list of Governor’s 2005 Summer Reading Challenge Winners is attached below:

Elementary Schools

New Haven – Bishop Woods Elementary
Enfield – Prudence Crandall Elementary
Ridgefield – Scotland Elementary
Wolcott – Wakelee Elementary
Willington – Center School
Granby – Frank M. Kearns Primary School

Middle and High Schools

Trumbull – Hillcrest Middle School

Manchester – Bennet Middle School
Stratford – Bunnell High School
Wilton – Middlebrook Middle School
Mansfield – Mansfield Middle School
South Windsor – South Windsor High School
Region 5 – Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus
Clinton–Jared Eliot Middle School
Granby – Granby Memorial High School

Other Winning Schools

Unified School District II – Connecticut Children’s Place
Wethersfield – Corpus Christi School
New Haven – St. Bernadette Catholic School