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Northern Territory Literary Awards Break the Record in 2011

The Northern Territory Library is proud to announce the finalists for the NT Literary Awards 2011.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said that this year has been special in that more entries have been received than ever before.

“The Territory’s best poems, short stories, scripts, essays and screenplays received from across Central Australia, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin have been judged from a record field of over 300 entries,” Ms McGill said

“We are proud to be the custodians of these awards and endeavour to cultivate a prosperous creative writing industry in the Territory whilst inspiring a new generation of writers.

“It is exciting to see so many budding writers and poets entering the competition and I wish them all the best of luck”.

The 2011 finalists are:

Dymocks Arafura Short Story Award:

Barbara Eather
Blair and Jenny McFarland
Stephen Francis
Bronwyn Mehan
Melinda Barlow
Michael Giacometti
Natalie Sprite
Sophie Constable

Dymocks Red Earth Poetry Award:

Karina Brabham
Jennifer Mills
Bronwyn Mehan
Penny Drysdale
Kathleen Epelde
Kaye Aldenhoven

Dymocks Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writers’ Award:

Nicole Gardiner
John Bodey
Joey Flynn

Charles Darwin University Bookshop Travel Short Story Award:

Christine Wilson
Michael Giacometti
Miranda Tetlow

Charles Darwin University Essay Award:

Adelle Barry
Jane Leonard
Kate Smith

Kath Manzie Youth Literary Award:

Stevie Cosentino
Kierra-Jay Power
Sophie Philip
Shannon Nendick
Laila Bennett

Darwin Festival Script Award:

Jane Leonard
Alex Ben-Mayor

Birch Carroll and Coyle Screenwriting Award:

Cameron Raynes
Philip Denson
Eleanor Hogan

“To assist with further encouraging and nurturing emerging talent, all entrants in the Awards are able to access the comments made by the judges by contacting the Northern Territory Library on ntl.info@nt.gov.au. Entries will also be judged ‘blind’ and therefore are awarded solely on their literary merit”.

The winners of the 2011 Northern Territory Literary Awards will be announced on the 12 May 2011 at a ceremony held at Parliament House.

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Image – 2010 Kath Manzie Youth Award Winner Kierra-Jay Power with Daryl Manzie

Winner of the Inaugural 2010 Darwin Festival Script Award Mary-Anne Butler with Jo Duffy, Artistic Director Darwin Festival

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