



THE ASTRID LINDGREN  
MEMORIAL AWARD

The 2009 Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award has been awarded to the Tamer Institute for Community Education, promoters of reading active on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The jury's reasons:

With perseverance, audacity and resourcefulness, the Tamer Institute has, for two decades, stimulated Palestinian children's and young adult's love of reading and their creativity. Under difficult circumstances, the Institute carries out reading promotion of an unusual breadth and versatility. In the spirit of Astrid Lindgren, the Tamer Institute acknowledges the power of words and the strength of books, stories and imagination as important keys to self-esteem, tolerance and the courage to face life.