

Carroll County Young Author's Contest winners selected

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The Carroll County Young Authors' Contest winners for 2016-2017 have been chosen.

The State of Maryland International Reading Association Council sponsors a Young Authors' Contest every year, an event that is offered to any second-through 12th-grade student, according to a news release from Carroll County Public Schools. Students entering the contest have an opportunity to submit an original poem or short story.

Local English language arts specialists and supervisors act as contest judges, using a common writing rubric to choose a short story and poetry winner for each grade level, according to the release. Entries are judged for their ideas and development, organization, voice, word choice, sentence fluency, presentation and conventions.

All Carroll County Young Authors winners will receive a certificate of achievement, as well as a new book and gift certificate donated by Debbie Scheller, owner of A Likely Story Bookstore in Sykesville, according to the release.

Local winners of the contest will automatically have their writing submitted to SoMIRAC to be judged at the state level, according to the release. Student winners from all school systems in Maryland are judged by the State Judging Committee following the same rubric used at the local level.

All state winners, as well as their family members and teachers, are invited to a

reception held at the Hunt Valley Inn in Baltimore on March 29, according to the release. The Carroll County winners are:

Second Grade Poetry: Henry O'Dea, Freedom Elementary

Second Grade Short Story: Asha Preuss, Winfield Elementary

Third Grade Poetry: Rohan Sanjiv Ramsingh, Winfield Elementary

Third Grade Short Story: Emma Zinkand, Linton Springs Elementary

Fourth Grade Poetry: Jocelyn Gifford, Linton Springs Elementary

Fourth Grade Short Story: Claire Parsley, Spring Garden Elementary

Fifth Grade Poetry: Layla Kaplan, Runnymede Elementary

Fifth Grade Short Story: Alex Yang, Mount Airy Elementary

Sixth Grade Short Story: Mya Darby, North Carroll Middle

Seventh Grade Poem: Violet Cancro, Oklahoma Road Middle

Eighth Grade Short Story: Erica Egleston, Oklahoma Road Middle

Eighth Grade Poem: Tyler DelRegno, Mount Airy Middle

Ninth Grade Short Story: Emily Herrold, Manchester Valley High

Ninth Grade Poem: Emily Herrold, Manchester Valley High

10th Grade Poem: Esther Mensah, Westminster High

12th Grade Short Story: April Povlock, Manchester Valley High

12th Grade Poem: April Povlock, Manchester Valley High

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