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Library Announces Contest Winners

Carroll County Public Library announces the winners of the 2009 Summer Shorts writing and video making contest. Summer Shorts is a short story and video making contest for teens entering the 6th through 12th grades.

The contest has three categories: Short Story, Video Short, and Video Book Trailer. This year, the sixth year of the annual Summer Shorts contest, the library added the two video categories. The library received twenty-two video entries and ninety-three short story entries.

Prizes are awarded in both middle and high school divisions as follows: First Place: \$50, Second Place: \$30, Third Place: \$20, and Honorable Mentions: \$5 gift card. Winning stories and videos provided in an electronic format will be available on Carroll County Public Library's Teens Connect webpage, teens.carr.org. Carroll County TV will also host streaming of the videos at <http://www.carrollcounty.tv/>.

Short Stories

Middle School Division

Honorable Mentions:

Dragons by **Jessica DeTello**, Calvert Homeschool

Born to be Wild by **Allison Williams**, Oklahoma Road Middle

3rd Place:

Escape from Slavery by **Madelyn Staley**, Homeschool

2nd Place:

Wilderqueen by **Sarah Barker**, Oklahoma Road Middle

1st Place:

Queen of Camo-Lot by **Maggi Uhland**, New Windsor Middle

High School Division

Honorable Mentions:

The Elder Tree by Peter Phelps, Homeschool

The Innocence of Blood by Catalina Righter, Manchester Valley

3rd place:

Why Women Wear Purses by Elizabeth Dossett, Homeschool

2nd place:

The Rain by Holley Cox, Francis Scott Key

1st place:

Roses by Kristianna Cobb, Homeschool

Video Winners

Middle School Video Short

Honorable Mention:

The Day in the Life of a Star Wars Droid by Logan Lehr, Shiloh Middle

3rd Place:

Daydream by Sam Phelps, Homeschool

2nd Place:

In a Split Second by Alexi Bair & Kaitlyn Distler, West Middle

1st Place:

Secret Love by Kadri-Ann Kertsmik & Jete-Maria Vurmer,
Paide Gymnasium, Estonia

Middle School Video Book Trailer

3rd Place:

Dangerous Book for Dogs by Nate Beard, North Carroll Middle

2nd Place:

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid Series by Andrew Grabowski, West Middle

1st Place:

Deadshot: A Sniper Novel by Austin Balaz, North Carroll Middle

High School Video Short

Honorable Mention:

Touched White Wings Among Crows by Beth Keller, Francis Scott Key

3rd Place:

Skateboarding: The Documentary by Simeon Boyle, Manchester Valley

2nd Place:

Lunch by **Peter Phelps**, Homeschool

1st Place:

Big City Dreams by **Melody Bishop**, North Carroll High

High School Video Book Trailer

1st Place:

Harry Potter & The Half Blood Prince Trailer by **Emmet Eckman IV, Joey Wooleyhand & Nicole Wooleyhand**, Sykesville Middle & Century High

Writing Winners:

Laura Bowers (judge), Sarah Barker, (not visible: Stacey Coverstone, judge), Madelyn Staley, Jessica DeTello, Kristianna Cobb, Kathy MacMillan (judge), Elizabeth Dossett, and Edie Hemingway (judge).



Video Winners:

Back Row: Dave Hutchison (judge), Peter Phelps, Melody Bishop, and Beth Keller

Front Row: Alexi Bair, Kaitlyn Distler, Sam Phelps, Andrew Grabowski, and Nate Beard



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