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## Library Holds Story and Video Contest for Teens

This summer, Carroll County Public Library encourages teens not only to read over their vacation but to write and make movies, as well. Summer Shorts Contest is held each summer for teens entering grades 6 through 12. For the first time the contest will have three categories: Short Story, Video Short, and Video Book Trailer.

To participate, teens can write short stories on the topic of their choice, make a video short on whatever they like, or make a video book trailer on the book of their choice. Teens can enter each category if they wish, or team up with other teens to make videos for the two video categories. Entries will be accepted from 6/15 to 7/31.

Each participant receives a prize! In addition, prizes will be awarded in two divisions, middle and high schools, as follows: 1st Place: \$50, 2nd Place: \$30, 3rd Place: \$20

In addition, the library will be offering several programs about how to make movies and how to edit them using Windows Movie Maker with local Filmmaker Paul Oakes. Dates and times for programs are noted below.

To learn more about what a video book trailer is, check out this site: <http://digitalbooktalk.com/> Digital Booktalk features movie trailers made by teens to promote books to other teens. YouTube is also a great source to find examples.

An awards ceremony to recognize our teen writers, movie makers, and their accomplishments will be held Thursday, 8/20 at 7 pm at the Carroll Community College Theater, 1601 Washington Road, Westminster. All winners will be notified ahead of time. Winning entries provided in an electronic format will be published on our Teen Page!

Entry forms and complete rules are available online at [teens.carr.org](http://teens.carr.org) and in our branches. Teens may also hand in their entry at any of our six branches. For more information log onto [teens.carr.org](http://teens.carr.org) or [library.carr.org](http://library.carr.org), or call 410-386-4488.



## **Make Movies @ Your Library**

### ***Be the Director: Learn to Make Movies***

***Finksburg Branch***  
**Monday, 6/1 at 7:00 PM**

***Mount Airy Branch***  
**Tuesday, 7/7 at 7:00 PM**

***North Carroll Branch***  
**Tuesday, 6/16 at 6:30 PM**

***Taneytown Branch***  
**Friday, 6/26 at 5:00 PM**

***Westminster Branch***  
**Wednesday, 6/17 at 7:00 PM**

Ages 11 – Adults. Want to create a submission for the Summer Shorts contest? Join filmmaker Paul Oakes for the basics of movie making from start to finish using Windows Movie Maker. Teens can earn Library Bucks for attending!

### ***Be the Editor: Learn to Make Movies***

***Finksburg Branch***  
**Monday, 6/8 at 7:00 PM**  
Registration begins 5/28.

***North Carroll Branch***  
**Tuesday, 6/30 at 6:30 PM**

***Taneytown Branch***  
**Friday, 7/10 at 5:00 PM**

***Westminster Branch***  
**Friday, 7/17 at 6:30 PM**  
Registration begins 7/3.

Ages 11 – Adults. Need help finishing your movie? Unsure of how to add transitions or audio to your Summer Shorts contest entry? Come work on your film on our computers with filmmaker Paul Oakes. Teens can earn Library Bucks for attending!

