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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](http://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

##### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**

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

##### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

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

##### **1<sup>st</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> place:

*Why Women Wear Purses* by Elizabeth Dossett, Homeschool

2<sup>nd</sup> place:

*The Rain* by Holley Cox, Francis Scott Key

1<sup>st</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Place:

*Daydream* by Sam Phelps, Homeschool

2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

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

1<sup>st</sup> Place:

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

#### Middle School Video Book Trailer

3<sup>rd</sup> Place:

*Dangerous Book for Dogs* by Nate Beard, North Carroll Middle

2<sup>nd</sup> Place:

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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Place:

*Skateboarding: The Documentary* by Simeon Boyle, Manchester Valley

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

**Lunch** by **Peter Phelps**, Homeschool

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

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

**High School Video Book Trailer**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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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