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READERS WIN @ SIERRA MADRE PUBLIC LIBRARY ART & ESSAY PROGRAM

Sierra Madre, CA. – April 29, 2016 – Local students awarded cash prizes.

More than 220 local students entered the Library's fourth annual Art & Essay contest, *Readers Win! @ Sierra Madre Public Library*. Mayor John Cappocia presented cash prizes to the top 18 contest winners. Prizes and certificates of achievement were presented at a ceremony on Thursday, April 14 during National Library Week. Winning work is on display in the Children's room of the Library.

Children in grades Kindergarten through second grade created a drawing showing how they win by reading books from the Sierra Madre Public Library. Students in grades three through eight wrote a one-page essay on how readers win. Students from each grade earned \$50 for first place or \$35 for second place.

Winners are: Kindergarten 1st place Emma Noel Abajian, Kindergarten 2nd place Siabelle Carpenter, 1st grade first place Raya Frayeh, 1st grade second place Ethan Woo, 2nd grade first place Jackson Moore, 2nd grade second place Samuel Choi Dongho, 3rd grade first place Abeni Moore, 3rd grade second place Maya Eriksson, 4th grade first place Aidan Hofer, 4th grade second place Nikki Hensley, 5th grade first place Jady St. Louis, 5th grade second place Julia Divers, 6th grade first place Carter Anastasia, 6th grade second place Lucy Martinez, 7th grade first place Claire Senft, 7th grade second place Giovanni Butteri, 8th grade first place Dylan Sheriff, and 8th grade second place Julia Boberg.

Local organizations that supported the Sierra Madre Public Library Art & Essay Contest with funding for the cash prizes and by judging entries were: Sierra Madre Rotary Club, the Spero Foundation, Sierra Madre Kiwanis, Friends of the Library, the Sierra Madre Community Foundation, and the Sierra Madre Civic Club. Special thanks to Library Trustee Glenn Putnam for spearheading the program.

Read, Discover, Connect @ Sierra Madre Public Library, 440 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024, (626) 355-7186, www.cityofsierramadre.com/departments/library

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