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Teen Poetry Contest Winners at Springfield Public Library

Springfield Public Library is very proud to announce the winners of their 2017 Teen Poetry Contest. Two first place awards and three honorable mentions were chosen from the 160 entries received in the Middle School and High School divisions. First place for Middle School poems was awarded to Matthew Koscho from Hamlin Middle School for his poem *Basketball*. Three Honorable Mention awards also went to Hamlin Middle School students: Drew Campbell for *The Sea by the Beach*, Brandon Herrera for *I Am the Boy That Reads With His Hood On*, and Casey Pelaez for *The Dust*. The first place award in the High School Division was given to Anna Sundholm for *My Smile is My*. The library holds a teen poetry contest each April to celebrate National Poetry Month and to encourage teens to explore their creative writing abilities.

Additional Information: LuCinda Gustavson, 541.726.2287, lgustavson@springfield-or.gov

Show and Tell: Make Body Language Work for Your Story

Wordcrafters Writing Workshop

Lean in and prick up your ears for this intriguing Wordcrafters Writing Workshop: "Show and Tell: Make Body Language Work for Your Story," at 5:30 p.m., Monday, May 15 in the Library Meeting Room at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR.

Pre-registration is encouraged to secure a seat. Call 541.726.3766 or sign up at the Springfield Public Library. This program is generously sponsored by the Springfield Public Library Foundation.

Bio: M. K. Martin is a motorcycle-riding, linguistics nerd. A former Army interrogator with a degree in psychology, she spent years learning to read and interpret body language. Her debut novel 'Survivors' Club' will be out in 2018. She writes primarily speculative fiction.

About Wordcrafters:

Wordcrafters provides writers and readers opportunities to strengthen their craft, deepen their connection with literature, and share their knowledge with each other and with future generations.

Wordcrafters offers an annual writing conference, year-round writing classes and retreats, young writers camps and workshops, and Writers in the Schools.

What: Wordcrafters Writing Workshop

When: 5:30 p.m., May 15

Where: Library Meeting Room, Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR

Additional Information: Amy Orre, 541.726.4609, aorre@springfield-or.gov

Teen Program at Springfield Public Library

Make a Movie

Be a part of movie making history! We are spending three Tuesdays brainstorming, storyboarding, scripting, casting and filming with the help of Artistic Outlet Media from Eugene. Come and join us at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 9 and 16 in the Library Conference Room at the Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield OR. There will be something for everyone to do. This event is free and intended for teens.

The Library offers a weekly gathering for teens at 4:30 p.m., every Tuesday. Join us to hang out, enjoy a snack, learn new skills and have fun.

What: Teens on Tuesday: Make a Movie

When: 4:30 p.m., May 9 and 16

Where: Library Conference Room, Springfield Public Library, 225 Fifth Street Springfield OR

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