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### **WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY'S TEEN WRITERS SHORT STORY CONTEST**

*Two first place recipients and 15 honorable mentions received awards.*

Springfield Public Library, with sponsorship from *Starters from Mercedes-Benz of Eugene*, recently presented writing awards for its first Teen Writer's Short Story Contest. Two first place recipients were selected: Erica LaShot for her story, "Turning Point: The Night That Changed My Life" and Haley Songchild for her story, "Zari." Erica and Haley each received a \$50 cash prize, a journal and a certificate.

The contest, which ended January 31, 2007, solicited entries from students ages 12-19. Rules of the contest stated that each story must begin with the sentence, "I am alone in the library."

Honorable mentions were awarded to: Whitney Alexander, William Brady, Jasmin Brown, Gaia Brusasco, Hannah Marie Chapman, Isaias Giron, Kara Hansen, Katrina Linde-Moriarty, Robert Lopez, Kellie Musgrove, Nick Pappas, Nick Ryan, Larissa J. Satterwhite, Shelby Simmons, and Stephen Staszewski. Each student receiving an honorable mention also collected a journal and a certificate.

All the stories submitted to the contest are on display in the young adult section of the library. Check out the library's other teen events on their website at [www.ci.springfield.or.us/library/teen/teenevents.htm](http://www.ci.springfield.or.us/library/teen/teenevents.htm).

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