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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT TEA

The Friends of the Library honored the winners of this year's Friends of the Library 31st Short Story Contest at an Awards Tea March 4 at the Southeast Steuben County Library.

Entrants were in grades 5 through 8 and resided in the SSC Library area. Entries were divided into two categories: fifth & sixth grades and seventh & eighth grades. Judges looked for originality, plot and character development, use of language and mechanics.

In grades 5 and 6, Harry Craig took first place for "The Rubber Chicken" and Lizzie Hogrefe took 2nd for "One Lunch Can Make all the Difference;" tied for 3rd were Abby Dejneka for "Underground Out of Order" and Natalie Powers for "A Gift from Michael." Honorable mentions were given for Abby Dejneka's "The So-called Streets of Gold," Sidney Lively's "Black Thunder," and Emma Westcott's "How may I help You?"

In grades 7 and 8 the winners are: In 1st place, Camille VanderMeer's "Trial of a Lifetime;" in 2nd place, Meena Thirmurti's "Out of the Smoke;" tied for 3rd were Allison Seyler's "Perfect Isn't Good," and Jacob Lawlor's "Save the Last Bullet." Honorable mentions were given for Hannah Doerkson-Goldwater's "To Live, To Laugh, To Love;" Jackson Greene's "A Not So Funny Prank," and Sailor Ong's "Gems of Memory."

These stories will be compiled and cataloged at the Southeast Steuben County Library in a volume called *Our Own Authors 2013*.



Photo Top from left: Harry Craig, Jackson Greene, Jacob Lawlor, Sidney Lively, Emma Westcott, Camille VanderMeer and Natalie Powers. In the bottom row: Sailor Ong, Lizzie Hogrefe and Abby Dejneka. Not shown: Meena Thirmurti, Allison Seyler and Hannah Doerkson-Goldwater.

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