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#### AWARD CEREMONY SET FOR CHILDREN'S WRITING CONTEST

A Writer's Tea and Award Ceremony will be held March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Southeast Steuben County Library to honor the winners of this year's Friends of the Library Short Story contest.

All entrants and their parents and teachers are invited to attend.

Contest entries were divided into two categories: fifth and six grades and seventh and eighth grades. Judges looked for originality, plot and character development, use of language and mechanics.

In each of the two categories first, second and third prizes will be awarded. First prize is a \$30 Barnes and Noble gift card, second prize is a \$25 gift card and third prize is a \$20 gift card. There will also be Honorable Mention prizes, and each entrant will receive a Friends of the Library book sale gift certificate.

Winning entries will be bound and published in a volume that will be distributed to the school libraries in the district and to each of the winners.

The contest and awards evening is sponsored by The Friends of the Southeast Steuben County Library and the Donovan Academy, which is the Corning-Painted Post School District's arts in the classroom component.

Winning entries from previous contests can be viewed at the Southeast Steuben County Library and at local school libraries. The collections are titled, *Our Own Authors*.

For more details, call the Children's Department at (607) 936-3713 ext. 503.