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FRIENDS SHORT STORY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT WRITERS' TEA

A Writer's Tea and Awards Ceremony was held Monday March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Southeast Steuben County Library. The winners of the 31st Friends of the Library Short Story Writing Contest were honored.

Contestants were divided into two categories: fifth and sixth graders, and seventh and eighth graders. Below are the final results.

In each of the two categories first, second and third prizes will be awarded. First prize was a \$30 Barnes and Noble gift card, second prize was a \$25 gift card and third prize was a \$20 gift card. Each entrant will also receive a Friends of the Library book sale gift certificate when their stories are returned to them.

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 was 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.

5th & 6th Grades

1st	Lauren Elder	"When Ghosts, Rock Stars, Sock Monkeys and Weir Girls Meet"
2nd	Sailor Ong	"A Friendship Found"

3rd	Gina Landry	"The Adventures of Cows in Space"
HM	Natalie Powers	"The Fire in His Eyes"
	Julia Balance	"Flipped"
	Kate Major	"Military Brother"

7th & 8th Grades

1st	Allison Seyler	"A Gift"
2nd	Hannah Doerksen-Goldwater	"Simon Says"
3rd	Logan M. Henry	"Dreams"
HM	Logan Turner	"I Believe"
	Chris Johnson	"The Way of the Ninja"