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Annual Betty Field Memorial Youth Writing Contest - 2017



The writing contest was open to all public, private, and home school students in grades 6 through 12 in El Paso County and areas served by the Pikes Peak Library District.

The mystery stories in the 2017 contest, using an assigned phrase (an apparent attempt) in the opening paragraph and six required words (acrimony, audacious, dubious, egocentric, inflection, surreptitious) within the 1000-1200 word story, covered a range of subjects including weird parents, evil teachers, bizarre librarians, love gone horribly wrong, deranged vegetables, and murders and robberies by numerous and imaginative methods.

The Awards and Recognition Program was held April 15, 2017 in the East Library Community Room. The First, Second and Third Place Author Awards (best mystery story in each grade category) and the Judges Awards (selected from the combined entries) were presented.

The Friends of the Pikes Peak Library District extends thanks to Mr. Kenneth S. Field for generously funding the contest; the teachers and parents for mentoring and encouraging the next generation of authors; Mary Ciletti, owner, Hooked on Books, for providing the collection locations for the entries; the contest judges (Candace Allan, Leacia Brilliant, Sandra and Thomas Higel, James and Karen Jenista, Rita Jordan, Leanne and Rodger Jump, Ali LaForce, Gloria Lesher, Connie Martin, Marcia Myers, Wilma Palic, Aida Richardson, Pat Webb); Barbara Nickless, author of *Blood on the Tracks*, for conducting the 2017 Writers Workshop; and Diane Pfalzgraf, 2017 Contest Coordinator.

Visit the contest website for photos and a list of the winning authors.

www.writingcontest612.info



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