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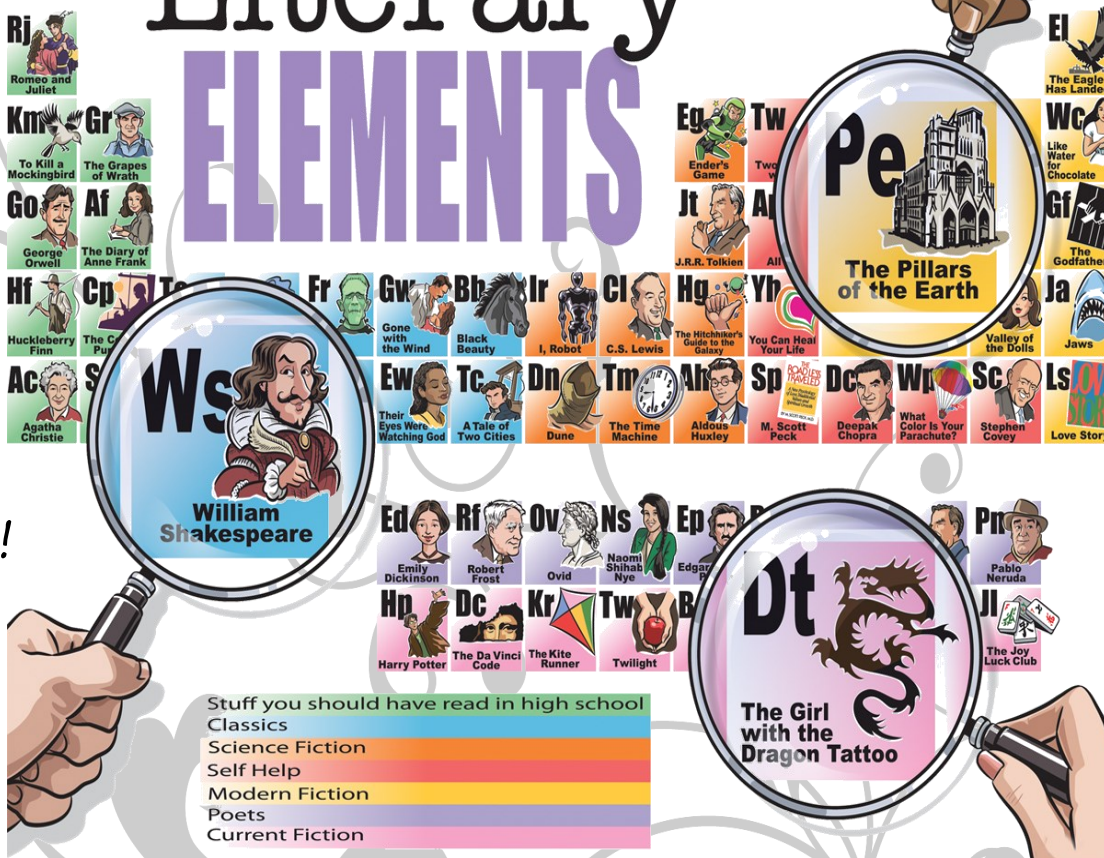
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**Marlborough Statistics**  
**for April 2014**

**New Patrons: 436**

**Total Items Circulated:**  
**19,300**

**Children's Books**  
**Circulated: 6,421**

**Adult Books Circulated:**  
**4,696**

**Movies Circulated:**  
**4,312**

**Audiobooks Circulated:**  
**1,705**

**YA Books Circulated:**  
**1,029**

**Periodicals Circulated:**  
**793**

**E-Books Circulated:**  
**344**

# Letter from the Director

## New Website & Community Calendar

Recently we unveiled a new library website. We needed a way to communicate both the basics (hours, how to get your library card, etc.) and news about our programs and services. We have lots of information to share with you and the website gives us a place to do that. Check out our calendar of events to stay up to date on all the programs for children, teens and adults this summer. We will also update you on the work we will be doing to plan a new library. We will need your help and will announce public forums, surveys and other



**Margaret Cardello,**  
**Library Director**

opportunities to provide input in the months to come on our website.

Another aspect of the new website we are excited to debut is the new **Marlborough Community Calendar**. We decided to expand our existing library calendar to incorporate

events happening throughout the city. This calendar provides a way to address a need that I first heard about at a Marlborough Downtown Village meeting. My initial thought was that this was something the library could help with! The calendar will help everyone promote all of the wonderful events that happen in the City throughout the year and help event planners schedule these events.

So check out our new website at [www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org](http://www.marlboroughpubliclibrary.org). Make sure to also take a look at the Marlborough Community Calendar and let us know what you think!



## Check Out the New Teen Room!



**Eric Nicholls, Eagle Scout**  
**Candidate**

Thanks to a donation from **DCU**, we were able to create a Teen Room!

Over 100 teens from Marlborough participated in a survey to see what they'd like in their hang out area. In April, four groups of teens met and created different designs for the new space. A second survey was sent to all teens and the winning design has served as inspiration for the new Teen Room.

On Saturday, May 17th, 25 teens volunteered their time at the library to paint the walls and shelves. Eric Nicholls, a local teen patron, coordinated and led this initiative for his Eagle Scout Service Project. He recruited many volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 51 and the youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and oversaw the teens who served on the Design Team with the painting. Many thanks also go out to the church crew adviser, Mr. Evans. The colors, chosen by the winning designers, immediately brightened the space!

The room now boasts a 60" TV, WiiU, couch, and laptops that teens can check out and use at the library. The Teen Room is open to adolescents going into grades 6-12. Any one may come during our open hours! See the teen website in September for Fall Hours.

### Teen Room Summer Hours:

Mon., Wed., & Thur.  
1 - 4 pm

Tue. 5 - 8 pm

# Adult & Reference Services

## Literary Elements

Summer reading is back with a bang! Last year's program was such a success that we're looking to see if we can get even more participation by setting some program goals. This year we want to have at least 100 adult patrons read 96,000 pages *plus* 1,800 hours and write at least 40 reviews. Every adult that registers will automatically be entered in the grand prize drawing for a Samsung Galaxy Tab 4 7" tablet! And every adult that reads a minimum of 210 pages (15 pages a day) or 5 hours (just over 21 minutes a day) over each two week reading period will be entered in the drawing for a \$25 gift card of your choice. Every additional 100 pages or 2 hours that you read gets you another entry in the drawing, so feel free to read as much as you want!

Registration is open until August 1st, to ensure you still have time to be entered in the drawing for the final reading period, so make sure to go online to <http://tinyurl.com/qjinqcl> to register and track your reading, or stop by the circulation desk to fill out a registration form and pick up a packet of bookmarks you can use to log your progress.

This year's theme, "Literary Elements," is focused on science and science fiction. Check out books like *Nexus* by Ramez Naam (Naa), *The Curiosity* by Stephen Kiernan (Kie), *The Atmosphere of Heaven: The Unnatural Experiments of Dr. Deddoes and his Sons of Genius* by Mike Jay (610.92 Jay), or *The Invention of Air: A Story of Science,*

## Mark Your Calendars

Check the library's calendar of events for more fun Summer Reading events! We'll be having an Art Party (July 9), an adult game night (July 23), and a trivia night (August 13). And of course, make sure to mark Tuesday, August 19 as our Adult Summer Reading Reception when we will draw and announce the winner of the grand prize! We will also have door prizes and science themed refreshments!

## NEW ESL PROGRAM GROWING

The library's new ESL program, English Conversation Circles, that began in April continues to grow. Patrons from Egypt, Morocco, Brazil, Mexico, China, and Columbia among others meet every week at the library to engage in lively English conversation groups, one on **Thursdays at 1pm** and one on **Saturdays at 11am**. A new conversation circle will also be held at the Marlborough Senior Center 250 Main St. from **11am to 12pm on Thursdays**. New people are always welcome—no need to register! Please contact Diane Rodriguez, Reference & Outreach Librarian at 508-624-6992 or email [drodriguez@cwmar.org](mailto:drodriguez@cwmar.org) with any questions.

## Join our Book Club!

Visit the circulation desk for a copy of the book. E-mail Karen Mattes at [kmattes@cwmar.org](mailto:kmattes@cwmar.org) with questions.



## Code to Zero

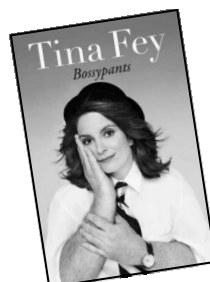
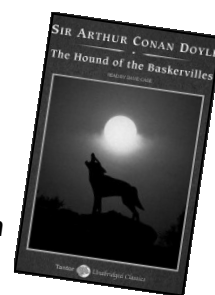
by Ken Follett

Mon., July 21st at 6:30pm  
or Thurs., July 24th at 10:30am

## The Hound of the Baskervilles\*

By Arthur Conan Doyle

Mon., Aug. 18th at 6:30pm  
or Thurs., Aug. 21st at 10:30am



## Bossypants\*

by Tina Fey

Mon., Sept. 15th at 6:30pm  
or Thurs., Sept. 18th at 10:30am

\*Make sure to come to the book club meetings in August and September to give your suggestions for books you think the book club should read! The ballot will be given out at October's meeting.

## Writing Group for Adults



This group meets the third Friday of every month. If interested, sign up by emailing Jess Bacon at [jbacon@cwmar.org](mailto:jbacon@cwmar.org).

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

July 18th, Aug 15th, and Sept. 19th  
All meetings are 9:30 am-12 pm



## Teen Room & More This Summer!


The Teen Room is officially open! Stop by to use our 60" TV, relax on our couch, or check out a laptop. You can go upstairs and check anything out for a scratch ticket to instantly win gift cards, candy, and other small prizes. If you lose, you can put your ticket into the grand prize raffle, where one lucky winner will get to choose \$100 cash, \$125 to Ticket Master or \$125 to Roller Kingdom. Lastly, you can register for one of our many programs below via <http://bit.ly/MarlboroughLibraryEvents>:

Tue., July 1st  
@ 6-8pm

**Make Your Own Video Game**

Tue., July 15th  
@ 7-8pm

**3D Printing (all ages)**



**SPARK**  
A Reaction



**June 21st - August 15th**

Wed., July 2nd and  
Aug. 6th,  
@ 3:30-5pm

**Wii Got Game**


Wed., July 30th  
@ 2-4:30pm

**No-Sew Blankets For Foster Kids**



Tue., Aug 5th  
@ 7-8pm

**The Perks of Being a Wandering Book Club**



**The Perks of a Wandering Book Club**

7 books,  
7 weeks,  
7 libraries!

<http://bit.ly/TPBWbookclub2014>

Tue., July 8th  
@ 7-8pm

**Punk Over**  
(Tattoos and Hair Chalk)



Thur., July 31st  
@ 6:30-8pm

**Harry Potter Party!**

Mon., Aug 11th  
@ 2-4pm

**CSI: Forensics Lab**

Mon., July 14th  
@ 1-2:30pm

**DC Comic Artist: Drawing Hands, Faces, & Hair!**

Mon., July 14th @ 3:30-5pm & Thur., Aug 7th @ 6:30-8pm

**Musings: Teen Writers**

Tue., Aug 12th  
@ 6:30-7:30pm

**Back to School Crafts**

## Volunteer!

Window Artist  
Section Manager  
Purchasing Manager  
Event Planner  
Teen Room Crew  
Children's Room Aide  
MPL Photographer  
Book Reviewer

For more info, go to:  
[marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/teen/teenvolunteering](http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/teen/teenvolunteering)

Wed., July 23rd to Friday, July 25th @ 11am-3pm

### Photography Makerspace Lab!

Learn how to use our new DSLR camera, though you may bring in your own, if you have one!

(Wed) Anatomy of Your Camera / Light Reading  
(Thur) Still Moving: Stopping/Enhancing Action  
(Fri) Putting the Whole Camera to Work

Space is limited to 8 teens! Register today: <http://bit.ly/MarlboroughLibraryEvents>



Spark a Reaction is sponsored by Marlborough Public Library, the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Bruins, and the MA Board of Library Commissioners.



# Children's Services

## Fizz, Boom, Read: Science Programs!

Children will explore all things scientific in our Summer Reading program, "Fizz, Boom, Read!" Don't miss these exciting, science-themed activities.

**Summer Adventure:** Kids in grades 1 to 5 can explore "Science Fair Fun" on **July 3** or "Biology Basics" on **Aug. 7** (2 pm). Registration required.

**Movie and Popcorn:** Learn about the ocean from *Finding Nemo* on **July 8**

and watch several episodes of *Magic School Bus* on **Aug. 12** (2:30 pm).

**Meet a Chicken:** Stop by between 4 and 5 pm on **July 10** to learn about a real chicken visiting us from the Farm School.

**Math Madness:** Keep your math skills sharp over the summer! Measure ingredients for Berry Yogurt Parfaits on **July 22** (3 pm; please register), then measure a gentle dog named Haven on

**July 30** (6:30 pm). Grades K to 5.

**Family Nature Walk:** On **July 26**, come explore and learn about plants and even animals right outside the library (10 am). Grades pre-K to 5.

**Museum of Science: Rockets!** Interested in how rockets work? Join us on **July 28** (2 or 4 pm). Get your free ticket starting at 1 pm. Grades K to 5.

We have many other great programs this summer as well—see below!

## Summer Children's Programs

STORY TIMES	BABY + TODDLER TIME	SUMMER STORY TIME + CRAFT	PJ STORY TIME	PORTUGUESE STORY TIME
	Join GERALYN for an interactive lap-sit for babies and toddlers, birth to age 3. Stories, songs, rhymes and movement. Drop-in. <u><b>Mondays, 10:00-11:00 am</b></u>	Children of all ages and their caregivers are invited to join Tricia for stories, songs, and a fun craft. Drop-in. <u><b>Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am</b></u>	Put on your pajamas and join Meredith for stories, songs, and a bedtime snack. Ages 3 - 7 with a caregiver. Drop-in. <u><b>July 14, Aug. 11 @ 6:30-7:15 pm</b></u>	Join Pollyana for stories, songs, and rhymes in Portuguese. Have fun and help prepare your child for school! <u><b>July 9, Aug. 13 @ 6:00-6:30 pm</b></u>
READING + WRITING	WRITING CLUB	MUGGLE SUPPORT GROUP	READ TO A DOG	
	Join us to play some fun writing games! Grades 3-5. Registration is required. <u><b>July 1, Aug. 5 @ 4:00-5:00 pm</b></u>	If you love to read fantasy, join us to discuss a fantasy book every month. Ages 10+. Registration is required. <u><b>July 7, Aug. 4 @ 7:00-8:00 pm</b></u>	Build reading confidence and have fun with a gentle therapy dog. To sign up to read to Haven, call or stop by the Children's Room. <u><b>July 12 @ 11:15 am-12:45 pm</b></u>	
BUILDING, ART, MUSIC	LEGO FUN!	DROP-IN CRAFT	ART PROJECTS	HANDS ON MUSIC
	Drop in for building fun with our huge Lego collection. Ages 4-11. <u><b>July 15 @ 2:30-4:00 pm</b></u> <u><b>Aug. 4 @ 2:00-3:30 pm</b></u>	Join Amy for a fun craft on the third Saturday of each month! <u><b>July 19, Aug. 16 @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm</b></u>	Sign up and express your creativity! Grades 1-5. Clay Sculpting <u><b>July 29 @ 3:00-4:00 pm</b></u> Make a Firefly <u><b>Aug. 5 @ 2:00-3:00 pm</b></u>	Join GERALYN for a fun, interactive music class for children age 2-5 and their caregivers. <u><b>Aug. 8 @ 10:00-10:30 am</b></u>
SPECIAL EVENTS!	ART SHOW RECEPTION	HARRY POTTER'S BIRTHDAY	STAR WARS SYMPOSIUM	
	Come celebrate our wonderful artists! Call, stop by, or visit our website for information about submitting artwork on July 21-23. <u><b>July 24 @ 6:30-7:30 pm</b></u>	Come in costume and celebrate Harry's birthday with cake and a live reading! Recommended for grades 3-12. Drop-in. <u><b>July 31 @ 6:30-8:00 pm</b></u>	Crazy about Star Wars? Kids through 5th grade can join us for this popular Star Wars event brought by Peter Struzziero. Come in costume! <u><b>Aug. 9 @ 10:00-11:00 am</b></u>	

Kids, don't stop reading just because school is out for the summer - read for the fun of it! Sign up for the Summer Reading program and earn rewards by meeting your reading goals.

Every 3 hours of reading (or listening) for children from birth to grade 2 and every 5 hours for children in grades 3 to 5 will earn you one small prize from the treasure chest, one book, or one

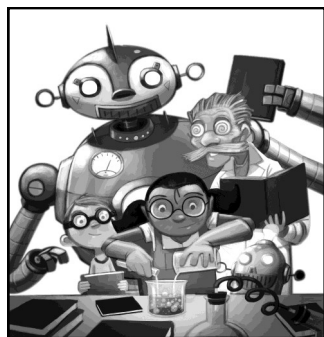
## Read and Win!

raffle ticket for the chance to win a fabulous grand prize. Each participant can earn up to a maximum of 10 small prizes or raffle tickets. The raffle prizes will include a **year-long family pass to the Museum of Science**, a **Kindle Fire**, fascinating science kits, and more! Sign up online at <http://readsinma.org/marlborough> or in person at the library if you would like to participate. You can

log your reading hours and collect your tickets and prizes until Friday, August 15th.



## Summer Reading Celebration



Join us for our end-of-summer party on **Wednesday, August 20!** From 6:00 to 7:00 pm, relax outside and enjoy delicious ice cream from Trombetta's Farm. At 7:00 pm, head to the auditorium for a fantastic show by popular entertainer Mike the Bubble Man!

Space is limited in the auditorium, so pick up your free tickets for the bubble show at the Children's desk starting at 6:00 pm.

We hope you will join us to celebrate the wonderful summer you have had and all the great books you have read!

## Summer Chapter Books

Check out these great chapter books that take place during four very different summer vacations!

### **The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall**

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshires, four sisters share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. (J BIRDSALL PENDERWICKS #1)

### **The Lemonade War by Jacqueline Davies**

Evan and his younger sister, Jessie,

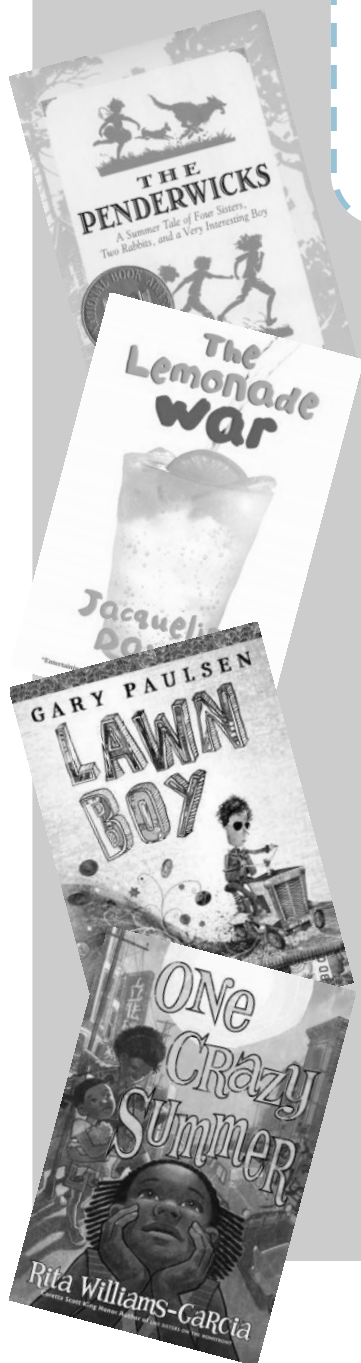
react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade. As the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. (J AUDIO CD DAVIES LEMONADE #1)

### **Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen**

Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business. (J PAULSEN)

### **One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia**

In the summer of 1968, after travelling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, Delphine and her two sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother, a poet and printer, is resentful of the intrusion of their visit and wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp. (J WILLIAMS-GARCIA ONE #1)





# Summer Reading Celebration



Summer Reading began **Saturday, June 21st!** People of all ages stopped by to sign-up, eat robot cupcakes, make steampunk jewelry, and pose with book covers for Cover Selfies! It was a full house for the iRobot program with over 100 people attending! Thanks for a great start to Summer Reading. If you missed all of the fun, you still can register online and win prizes for reading!

## Adult:

<http://tinyurl.com/qjjnqcl>

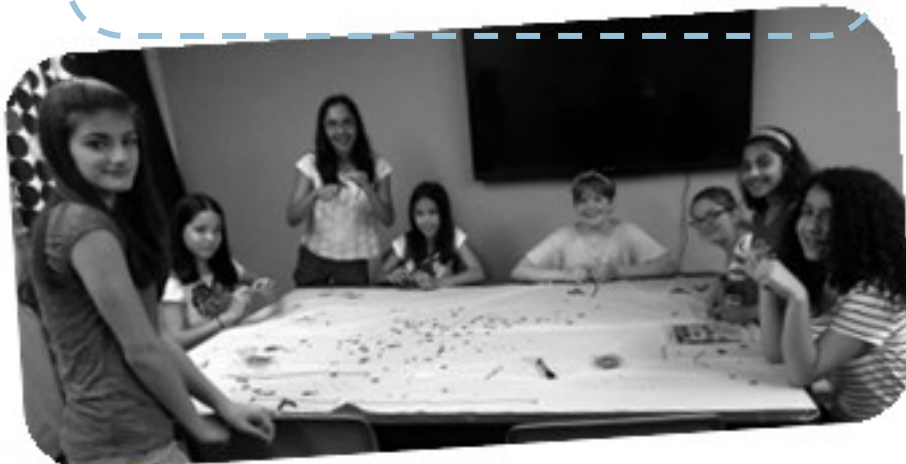
## Teen (grades 6-12):

<http://marlboroughpubliclibrary.org/teen/teen-summer-reading-registration/>

## Children (birth-grade 5):

<http://readsinma.org/marlborough>

Summer Reading ends on **Friday, August 15, 2014** and the celebrations begin! Check the calendar for details!



# Writing Competition Winners



2014 Winners: Raya Keir, Kandice Belcourt-Monteiro, Jaelyn Kasso, Rianna Jakson, Anna Read, Daniel Abadjiev, Carly Pusateri, Preeti Nagalamadaka, Erinn Farmer and KD Zagzoug (Not Pictured).

Marlborough Public Library recently held its Third Annual Teen Writing Competition. Teens from Marlborough or those attending a school in Marlborough were encouraged to send in their stories, essays and poetry for a chance to win the grand prize of \$100. On Thursday, May 1st, the winners were announced at the writers' reception where they had the opportunity to read a portion of their work to the audience. First place winners are published on pages 8 - 11. To read all winners, visit our website.

The Judges had different backgrounds in writing and teen literature. MPL is so grateful that they volunteered their time to judge this

competition. Many thanks go to **Gare Thompson** (YA author of *In Hitler's Backyard*), **Jenny O'Connell** (YA author of *The Book of Luke*), **Sam Paradise** (published fiction writer and finalist in the 2012 World's Best Short-Short Story Contest), **Jeff Adair** (editor of the Sudbury Town Crier, managing editor of the Community Newspaper Company, and an award winning journalist), **David Yoo** (YA author of *Stop Me If You've Heard This One Before* and *Girls For Breakfast*), **Diane McKamy** (high school librarian) and **Cathy Rosenstock** (former middle school librarian).

<u>Poetry</u> (grades 6-8)	<u>Poetry</u> (grades 9-12)	<u>Fiction/Nonfiction</u> (grades 6-8)	<u>Fiction/Nonfiction</u> (grades 9-12)
1 <sup>st</sup> : Preeti Nagalamadaka	1 <sup>st</sup> : Carly Pusateri	1 <sup>st</sup> : Raya Keir	1 <sup>st</sup> : Anna Read
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Rianna Jakson		2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jaelyn Kasso	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Erinn Farmer
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Daniel Abadjiev		3 <sup>rd</sup> : Kandice Belcourt-Monteiro	3 <sup>rd</sup> : KD Zagzoug

## Summer

by Preeti Nagalamada

### 6-8th Grade 1st Place Winners Poetry and Fiction/Memoir

I sit crouched low, near my doorstep  
As my hair blows along with the howling wind  
As the sun smiles at me while sharing his warmth  
Summer has arrived

I imagine myself biting  
Taking that delicious first bite of a ripened mango,  
As my teeth slowly sink into it  
Eagerly tearing apart its flesh,  
Like a lion that has not eaten in months  
Devouring every piece that is deposited in my mouth  
The juice squirting and bursting in my mouth,  
The sweetness of the fruit that lingers on my tongue  
Summer has arrived

The noise of motorcycles honking  
Rings in my ears  
They gain speed,  
The people riding the vehicles  
Dodging the vibrant colors being thrown at them  
As the children coated in vivid colors laugh guiltily  
As the color coated children enjoy the time of Holi  
Summer has arrived

I wake up startled my eyes open wide,  
They start to relax and shift their position  
A small smile starts to creep up onto my face  
One gets such joy thinking about  
The simple pleasures that await them in  
Time yet to come



# Writing Competition Winners

## Another Place, Another Time

By Raya Keir

***SLAM!*** The door banged shut. "What took you so long?" Vladimir Rousseau slurred. "I'm paying for school so you can get an education, not just run around the streets!"

Conrad, his son, rolled his eyes. "You spend all your money on liquor."

"Silence!" Vladimir bellowed. "Get out! To think, your mother named you Conrad because it means 'smart'. More like stupid!" This would've been intimidating if it wasn't for the fact Conrad's father was facing a lamp when he said this.

"Don't mention my mother! You're the reason she is gone!"

"Now you listen to me, son."

"NO!" Conrad roared as his father fell. "I have to spend all my own money for food. I don't have to deal with this!" Vladimir finally got up and tried to smack Conrad. Conrad grabbed his arm and looked his father straight in the eye. "I go to public school. That means it's free." He dropped his father's arm, turned and walked out, slamming the door shut.

The night was cold; fog covered the streets. He stomped down the street, and sat on the stairs to the beach. All of a sudden, he heard something. He leaned forward, and grabbed a frying pan from underneath the steps to protect himself. *Chuga-chuga Chuga-chuga*. Conrad pushed himself off the steps and walked closer to the water. He could hardly see anything through the fog. The noise got louder, and louder still, and the wind swept through Conrad's auburn hair. Unexpectedly, all sound and wind ceased, and the mist parted to reveal a bridge through the ocean, covered in rails. A cart with a sail billowing from it rested on top of the rails, with three passengers inside.

A portly lady bustled out of the cart. "Hello, darling! We come to take you from your troubles. What is your greatest desire?" Conrad blinked back tears and said, "I wish to find my mother. She is the only one who loves me." The woman smiled sympathetically. "At the Castle of Dreams, anyone can find what they want. Once you find the Mirror of Vision, you must think of what you want to see. It will show you this, but you must think carefully. You only will get one chance." If there was an answer, he'd find it there. Conrad pulled

himself up and on to the cart. A hefty man turned from the front and shouted, "All aboard!"

The wind started to blow, and the chubby woman hoisted herself on to the cart. *Chuga-chuga Chuga-chuga*. The noise started again. The sail flowed and started to push the cart forward. A young girl next to him was asleep. Conrad followed suit.

"We're here! Welcome to the Island of Hope; on this Island you will see the Castle of Dreams, the Fountain of Health, and many other attractions!" the fat lady shouted. Conrad jumped off the cart, and tapped his toes in to the sand. "Let's continue the journey, son." He turned to see his Vladimir, smirking at Conrad. "You think about me so much, even your imagination creates me." Vladimir took a swig out of the bottle and leered at Conrad.

"I don't have to deal with you! I can do this, and I don't need your help. Go away, you've caused enough damage," Conrad retorted angrily. Vladimir's smile dissolved (literally), and the rest of him soon followed. All that was left of the illusion was a bottle that fell on to the ground.

Conrad smiled and turned back to the castle. He walked away, leaving his uncertainty behind. He had surpassed one obstacle, but he knew there would be more to come. He started down the path. He strolled down the trail happily. He didn't stop to think that his happiness wouldn't stay for long.

Quickly, Conrad got to the castle. He looked at the immaculate emerald palace. It seemed to reach outer space, and wrapped around the Fountain of Health and its glistening azure waters. Unblemished windows covered the walls, and gold trim decorated each turret.

Guards defended the castle, their armor was covered with green and a gold heart. Inscribed a ribbon wrapping around, *a place where dreams come true*. However, they wouldn't let Conrad in. "State your business," one said gruffly.

"Please let me in!" Conrad begged. "I just want to see my mother, I love her so much." The guards looked at each other, and quickly moved back.

Conrad smiled appreciatively and rushed through. He darted from room to room, trying to find

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# Writing Competition, Cont.

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the mirror. He hurried up the stairs, and down every hallway, but he couldn't find the mirror.

"I can't find it!" Conrad sobbed as he slid down to the floor. "Where is it?" He wailed. "Where could it be?" *Look up, child.* Conrad slowly glanced up, and saw a glowing door at the end of the hall. He dashed towards it, and pulled open the door. Inside on the floor was a small, humming, mirror. Vines wrapped around the golden frame of the mirror. Conrad strode over to the mirror, swept it up and peered into it.

*I wish to see my mother,* he thought. The mirror dissolved into a cloud. It showed a petite middle-aged woman laughing as she flipped her fiery red hair. She held a young girl's hand, who smiled brightly as they walked down the city streets. As she blinked, you could see her clear, cerulean eyes, identical to Conrad's. Conrad blinked back tears. She had moved on, and seemed to have forgotten him. Conrad jumped off the floor. He smashed the mirror, and it shattered into a million pieces. He ran out of the room, down the hallway and out of the castle. He ignored the guards' shouts, and fled down the lane. He sprinted to the beach and stood, waiting. *Chuga-chuga.* He climbed on to the rails. *Chuga-chuga.* He stood still. *Chuga-chuga.* He waited, and as the wind swept through his hair, the last thing he saw were headlights.

## 9-12th Grade 1st Place Winners Fiction/Memoir and Poetry

### The Boy Who Could Fly By Anna Read

I sit on the couch, examining the darkening sky. The hum of the furnace and the scratching of my daughter's pencil as she does her homework break through the silence. I sip a mug of hot chocolate, still fresh from the pot on the stove. I sigh, breathing in the sweet aroma of coziness, contemplating the how warm a winter day can be.

Emma speaks up, exploding with thoughts so fresh and young. "Mom, have you ever met someone truly special?" she asks, her turquoise eyes meeting mine. She's a dreamer, her bedside piled with teen romance, movie posters lining her bedroom walls. She likes the idea of love, she always has.

I think back, to before Emma was born. Here, some twenty years ago, I pause on my timeline, remembering the tail end of my own teen years, and the boy I met on the cliffs, on that dark evening in November. "Yes," I say, my eyes glazing over as I sink into memory, my heart throbbing in recall of loss long faded. "I once met a boy who could fly.

"When I was eighteen, I used to walk along the cliffs by my parents house, fantasizing about their history, the ships broken on the rocks, the shadows which came at night. Or, on sadder days, just watching the stars and wondering what was beyond. There were no lights there, no lights except the moon, which cast its shimmering light across the water.

It was late November, the temperature in the high thirties, but I wore no coat, preferring to feel the chill run up my arms I walked along the cliffs alone, my eyes squinted against the gentle but frigid wind. I saw a boy, standing on the edge of the cliff, peering towards the rock below. His feet were bare, and despite the stinging chill he wore gym shorts and a tee.

I walked faster. I had heard stories of a girl who, 14 years before, had jumped off these cliffs to escape her life. The thought was horrible, and it definitely wasn't something I wanted to witness.

I walked up beside the boy, looking him up and down. His strange skin tone made me look twice; skin white but somehow tinted a purplish hue. I tore my eyes from his strange coloring, knowing it's rude to stare, and looked down to examine the rocks already enduring his scrutiny. "It's not worth it," I said, imagining his purplish body spiked by a stone spine, his white tee soaked with blood. "Don't jump."

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# Writing Competition, Cont.

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He looked at me, his mouth twitching slightly at the corners, his face calm. "One shouldn't fear jumping," he said, "but should fear an uncontrolled landing. I don't fear the jump, because I know I won't land."

"I'm sorry—What?"

"I can fly."

"Nobody can fly," I said, but I found no lie in his mesmerizing eyes.

"Where I come from, it's normal to fly," he said nonchalantly, gaze returning to the jagged stone.

"Where do you come from?" I asked.

"Jupiter," he said solemnly, his eyes turning mournfully to the stars, breathing in their unreachable coldness.

I said nothing, not knowing what to say to so bold a statement.

"I'd love to show you the solar system, but you're human." He thought for a moment, then asked, "Want a ride?" a true smile appeared on his face.

I backed away, shaking my head. "I'd like proof first."

He chuckled, jumping off the cliff and flying— well, more walking— into the sky. He turned to me, arms outstretched, standing on thin air, then jumped down, gliding along nothing back to the cliff's edge. It was amazing to me that someone who had no wings could fly. Still a bit unsure, I took another step back, forehead creased. "It's fun!" he smiled, seeing disbelief in my face.

I was young, a lover of fantasy. I accepted his offer, and climbed onto him. He flew off the cliff and swooped around, sliding upon the air about us. I breathed deeply a scent I cannot describe, silken and sparkling, like magic. It seemed to radiate from him, unfamiliar and amazing. Warmth was left behind as the wind lashed through my hair. I felt like I was drifting as we plummeted and rose. I wanted to scream with joy, but all I could do is grin, clinging his back, grip growing ever tighter as gravity attempted to wrench us apart. I felt like I could touch the stars, and they were no longer cold but smiling as I was, eyes stinging with the force of the breeze. The moon made the shadows of the world seem to dance about us as we were dancing in the air, wild with

happiness. This was a wonder I never forgot.

He put me back down on the cliff, smiling, cheeks flushed. "Thank you. Most treat me like a monster," he said, and then walked off, leaving me there to imagine the other wonders that might exist. And I had proof, at least for myself, that he existed."

I smile sadly to Emma, who stares dreamily back. "Wow," she whispers. "Did you meet him again?"

A tear slides down my cheek. There is a deep memory resurfacing. It burns in me. I grip hard at the handle of my cocoa mug. The war took so many lives, caused so much pain. He left a chasm in my heart when he fell, dead on a planet where he didn't even belong. "Many times. We were best friends for all his life. He died in the war."

She looks at me, forehead creased, eyes wide. "Oh," she whispers, an almost imperceptible sound. "Did he know dad?" she asks, perking up. Poor child. Never met her father.

"Of course he did. Emma, he was your father." I smile, clutching my cocoa close to me, tears running full force now, and hope that wherever he is, my husband is happy.

## Two Stars by Carly Pusateri

Photographs torn from  
their frames; left unwanted  
by the person who once  
loved them the most.

Nevertheless, its design  
still distinct to the  
weaver's eye:

The Holy Grail of marriage  
now sacrificed for  
new happiness, though  
aching hangs in the air.






































































A night sky littered with stars, and  
planets adorned with rings  
as if worn with undying love.

A Tapestry, weaved delicately  
like a spider's fragile web,  
lies in tatters on the floor--  
Unmendable.

Constellations that used to shine  
bright, now fade into the night.



# JULY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>4-5pm</b>  Summer Writing Club <b>6-8pm</b>  Teens - Make Your Own Video Game	<b>2</b> <b>10-11am</b>  Summer Story Time and Craft <b>3:30-5pm</b>  Wii Got Game	<b>3</b> <b>1-2pm</b>  English Conversation Circle <b>2-3pm</b>  Summer Adventure	<b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	
<b>6</b> <b>Summer Hours Begin - Closed Sundays through Labor Day</b>	<b>7</b> <b>10-11am</b>  Baby & Toddler Time <b>1-3pm</b> Window Artists <b>7-8pm</b> Muggl  Group 	<b>8</b> <b>2:30-4pm</b>  Movie & Popcorn <b>3-4pm</b>  French Lessons <b>6-7pm</b>  Punk Over	<b>9</b> <b>10-11am</b>  Summer Story Time and Craft <b>5-8pm</b>  Adult Art Party <b>6-6:30pm</b>  Portuguese Story Time	<b>10</b> <b>11am-12pm</b>  French Lessons <b>1-2pm</b>  English Conversation Circle <b>4-5pm</b>  Meet a Chicken	<b>11</b> <b>1-3pm</b>  Window Artists	<b>12</b> <b>9am to 1pm</b> Summer Hours Begin <b>11am-12pm</b>  English Conversation Circle <b>11:15am-12:45pm</b> Read to a Dog 
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>10-11am</b>  Baby/Toddler Time <b>1-2:30pm</b>  DC Comic Artist Session <b>3:30-5pm</b>  Teen Writers <b>6:30-7:15pm</b> PJ Story Time 	<b>15</b> <b>2:30-4pm</b>  Lego Fun! <b>3-4pm</b>  French Lessons <b>6-7pm</b>  Purchasing Managers <b>7-8pm</b>  3D Printing	<b>16</b> <b>10-11am</b>  Summer Story Time and Craft	<b>17</b> <b>1-2pm</b>  English Conversation Circle <b>3-4pm</b>  French Lessons	<b>18</b> <b>9:30-12pm</b>  Adult Writing Group	<b>19</b> <b>10-11am</b>  Edible Perennials <b>10am-12pm</b>  Drop-In Craft <b>11am-12pm</b>  English Conversation Circle
<b>20</b> <b>9am-12pm</b> Self-Guided Garden Tour	<b>21</b> <b>9am-8pm</b>  Youth Art Show Submissions <b>10-11am</b>  Baby/Toddler Time <b>6:30-8pm</b>  Adult Book Club	<b>22</b> <b>9am-8pm</b>  Youth Art Show Submissions <b>3-4pm</b>  French Lessons <b>3-3:45pm</b>  Math Madness - Berry Yogurt Parfaits	<b>23</b> <b>9am-8pm</b>  Youth Art Show Submissions <b>10-11am</b>  Story Time & Craft <b>11am-3pm</b>  Creativity Lab <b>6-8pm</b>  Brain Games	<b>24</b> <b>10:30-12pm</b>  Adult Book Club <b>11am-3pm</b>  Creativity Lab <b>1-2pm</b>  English Circle <b>3-4pm</b>  French Lessons <b>6:30-7:30pm</b>  Kids' Art Show	<b>25</b> <b>11am-3pm</b>  Creativity Lab	<b>26</b> <b>10am-11am</b>  Family Nature Walk <b>11am-12pm</b>  English Conversation Circle
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>10-11am</b>  Baby/Toddler Time <b>2-2:50pm AND 4-4:50pm</b>  Museum of Science: Rockets!	<b>29</b> <b>3-4pm</b>  Clay Sculpting <b>3-4pm</b>  French Lessons	<b>30</b> <b>10-11am</b>  Summer Story Time & Craft <b>2-4:30pm</b>  No Sew Blankets & Catching Fire <b>6:30-7:30pm</b>  Math Madness: Measuring Haven	<b>31</b> <b>1-2pm</b>  English Circle <b>3-4pm</b>  French Lessons <b>6:30-8pm</b>  Harry Potter's Birthday	All Ages =  Adult =  Teen =  Children =  Tween = 	

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
































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# AUGUST 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
All Ages =  Adult =  Tween =  Children =  Teen = 						1 2 11am-12pm  English Conversation Circle
3	4 10-11am  Baby/Toddler Time 10:30-11:30am  Section Manager Training 2-3:30pm  Lego Fun! 7-8pm  Muggle Group	5 2-3pm  Make a Firefly 3-4pm  French Lessons 4-5pm  Summer Writing Club 7-8pm  Wandering Book Club	6 10-11am  Summer Story Time and Craft 2:30-3:30pm  Purchasing Managers 3:30-5pm  Wii Got Game	7 1-2pm  English Conversation Circle 2-3pm  Summer Adventures Biology Basics 3-4pm  French Lessons 6:30-8pm  Teen Writers	8 10-10:30am  Hands on Music	9 10-11am  Star Wars Symposium 11am-12pm  English Conversation Circle
10	11 10-11am  Baby and Toddler Time 2-4pm  Crime Scene Investigation 6:30-7:15pm  PJ Story Time	12 2:30-4pm  Movie & Popcorn 3-4pm  French Lessons 5:30-6:30pm  Event Planners 6:30-7:30pm  Back to School Crafts	13 10-11am  Summer Story Time and Craft 6-6:30pm  Portuguese Story Time 6-8pm  Trivia Night	14 1-2pm  English Conversation Circle 3-4pm  French Lessons 5-7pm  Teen Volunteer Party	15 9:30-12pm  Adult Writing Group	16 10am-12pm  Drop In Craft 11am-12pm  English Conversation Circle
17	18 1-3pm  Window Artists 6:30-8pm  Adult Book Club	19 3-4pm  French Lessons 6:30-7:30pm  Adult Summer Reading Reception	20 6-8pm  Summer Reading Celebration Party	21 10:30am-12pm  Adult Book Club 1-2pm  English Conversation Circle 3-4pm  French Lessons	22 1-3pm  Window Artists	23 11am-12pm  English Conversation Circle
24 31	25	26	27	28 1-2pm  English Conversation Circle	29	30 Library Closed Today

# SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	2	3 3:30-5pm <b>T</b> Wii Got Game	4 1-2pm <b>A</b> English Conversation Circle	5 11:30-12:30pm <b>C</b> Library Skills for Homeschools	6 10am-1pm <b>A</b> Boovie: Movie Meetup 11am-12pm <b>A</b> English Conversation Circle
7 1-5pm <b>Regular Library Hours Resume</b>	8 10-11am <b>C</b> Baby Time Lapsit 7-8pm <b>TW</b> Muggle Support Group	9 4-5pm <b>C</b> American Girl Club	10 10-10:45am <b>C</b> Preschool Pals	11 1-2pm <b>A</b> English Conversation Circle 6:30-8pm <b>T</b> Musings: Teen Writers	12 10-10:45am <b>C</b> Toddler Time	13 9am-5pm <b>Regular Saturday Library Hours Resume</b>
14	15 10-11am <b>C</b> Baby Time Lapsit 6:30-7:15pm <b>C</b> PJ Story Time 6:30-8pm <b>A</b> Adult Book Club	16 4-4:45pm <b>C</b> Beginner Reader Event	17 10-10:45am <b>C</b> Preschool Pals 4:30-5:30pm <b>T</b> Event Planners	18 10:30am-12pm <b>A</b> Adult Book Club 1-2pm <b>A</b> English Conversation Circle 4-4:45pm <b>C</b> Afternoon Adventure	19 9:30-12pm <b>A</b> Adult Writing Group 10-10:45am <b>C</b> Toddler Time	20 10am-12pm <b>C</b> Drop-In Craft
21	22 10-11am <b>C</b> Baby Time Lapsit 4-5pm <b>TW</b> Book Blast Book Club	23	24 10-10:45am <b>C</b> Preschool Pals	25 1-2pm <b>A</b> English Conversation Circle	26 10-10:45am <b>C</b> Toddler Time	27
28	29 10-11am <b>C</b> Baby Time Lapsit	30 7-8pm <b>T</b> B.L.T Book Group	<div> <p>All Ages = </p> <p>Children = </p> <p>Tween = </p> <p>Adult = </p> <p>Teen = </p> </div>			

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--9am to 5pm

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