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2009 Young Writers Contest Winners



The California Writers Club Young Writers Contest held their banquet in May where they awarded the middle school winners their framed certificates and cash prizes. "This year, the Young Writers Contest had 445 manuscript submissions from all over Contra Costa County," said Elizabeth Koehler-Pentacoff, chairwoman of the Young Writers Program. "This was our all-time, record-breaking number of submissions, which means kids are writing!" In addition to the contest, each year, authors Sarah Wilson and Koehler-Pentacoff led workshops in January and February for middle school writers. Held at local libraries, the workshops are free. Visit <http://mtdiablowriters.org/> for next year's contest and workshop information.

Local Winners:

The Betty Tenney Memorial

Essay/Personal Narrative Awards

Stephanie Sloves (OIS, 6th grade)

"When You Wish Upon a Star" - second place

Carter Broad (OIS, 7th grade)

Information and photo provided by the California Writers Club

"Le Tour de Ow" - first place

Caie Kelley (OIS, 7th grade)

"Climbing My Fears" - second place

Short Story

Sarah Sweeney (JM, 6th grade)

"Moonlight" - first place

Sophie Belinn (OIS, 7th grade)

"Time to Wait" - third place

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