



COMING SOON: The 16th Annual Student Writing for Literacy Library Essay Contest

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OPEN TO: All public and non-public school **students in grades 4, 8 & 10** who attend a school served by the San Diego Public Library system.

Entry Forms describing this year's topic choices and guidelines for writing an essay will be posted on the Library Foundation web site* and the San Diego Public Library web site**. This information will be emailed to Schools and Libraries in early October, 2012.

Advance Preparation

Students: Begin to think about what libraries mean to your community; why a certain book has become your favorite; and think about how issues such as friendship, immigration, religious differences, 'culture clash', parental discord, war, sorrow and grief may have impacted your life.

These issues are illustrated in many of the recent One Book, One San Diego*** selections, including:
Sky of Red Poppies by Zohreh Ghahremani, *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert, and *Into the Beautiful North* by Luis Alberto Urrea; *The Gangster We Are All Looking For* by le thi dien thuy; *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John; and *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman.

Additional titles addressing similar issues, for younger students, will be available soon.

Teachers: Begin to identify ways this contest can play a role in your lesson plans.
This contest supports The California Department of Education LITERACY STANDARDS (Reading and Writing).

The DEADLINE for receipt of entries will be:
3:00 PM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2012

SCHOOL WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY, 2013, at their branch library

Four Grand Prize Winners at each level will be announced during a ceremony at
THE BALBOA PARK CLUB ON MAY 2, 2013.

Top prizewinners will each receive a monetary award AND a laptop computer!

One special prize of \$500 will be awarded for the best overall essay in memory of JACK and CAROLYN WINER

*http://www.supportmylibrary.org/pub/Essay_Contest_intro_flyer.pdf

**www.sandiegolibrary.org

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