2014 Children's Essay Contest

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Essay Theme: What I liked about (title of book) and what I would change in it.

Contest Divisions:
1st - 2nd Graders
3rd - 4th Graders
5th - 6th Graders

Essay Rules and Guidelines:

1. **Select** and read a book. Your book does not have to be from the library
2. Essay **Format**:
   Type or write (print) your own essay in English or Spanish on an 8.5 x 11 inch paper. Do not include pictures or illustrations. Typing should be in Times New Roman 12 point or a similar font or written legibly. (Hint: Spelling counts so use spell check or get someone to edit your essay for you.)
3. **Length** of Essay:
   1st - 2nd grade essays must be minimum 50 to maximum 100 words.
   3rd - 4th grade essays must be 100 to maximum 200 words.
   5th - 6th grade essays must be minimum 200 to maximum 300 words.
4. **Identify** yourself:
   Names, address, phone number, school name, grade level, teachers name and number of words must be listed on **back** of each entry.
5. **Deadline**:
   Essays must be submitted by 5:00 pm, March 21, 2014. Essays may be submitted by bringing to the Children's Reference Desk at the McMinnville Public Library or by email. Emailed essays must have 2 pages: one for essay and one for contact information. Email entries to becky.pearson@ci.mcminnville.or.us.
6. Judging and **Prizes**:
   Essays will be judged by Friends of McMinnville Public Library based on ideas, content, creativity and originality. Prizes will be awarded for each Contest Division in Spanish and English. First Place $25 gift certificate; Second Place $15 gift certificate; Third Place $10 gift certificate. If there is not a submission or submissions do not meet the judges expectations in a category, no prize will be awarded. Plagiarized works will be disqualified.
7. **Celebration**:
   Winning essays will be presented on Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 2:00 pm, in the McMinnville Public Library Carnegie Room. All contest entrants, family and friends are invited to join in the celebration. This year's presenter will be Stephanie Shaw, author of Bedtime in the Meadow.

If you have questions, please contact Becky Pearson, McMinnville Public Library Children's Room, 503-435-5571, or becky.pearson@ci.mcminnville.or.us.

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