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Bookmarks Announces 2017 Summer Reading Program Winners

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (September 19, 2017) – Bookmarks announced the winners of their 2017 Summer Reading Program on Saturday, September 9 at Saturday’s Opening Ceremony in Winston Square Park on their third day of their Festival of Books and Authors. K–12 students across North Carolina were invited to participate with written, visual, and video responses to books on Bookmarks Summer Reading list, which included North Carolina standard reading lists, Battle of the Books lists, American Library Association winners and, of course, 2017 featured Bookmarks’ Festival authors.

“Participation in our Summer Reading Program is growing each year,” said Rachel Kuhn Stinehelfer, Education and Program Specialist for Bookmarks. “This year, we received contributions from 29 schools and 9 counties across North Carolina. One of the important things about this program is that it keeps students reading during the summer, which is essential for success in school.”

The winners are broken into three age groups: K–2, 3–5, and Middle and High School and three categories: visual (arts), written (letters), and video. A new award was given this year, Best In Show, for the best entry overall. Elementary aged students won Bookmarks’ gift certificates, middle and high school received monetary prizes, and Whitaker Elementary School, as the school that had the most participants in the program, received five signed books by 2017 Festival authors for their library.

2017 Bookmarks Summer Reading Prize Best in Show

Aryaman Shukla – Brunson Elementary School

2017 Bookmarks Summer Reading Prize in the Arts

Kindergarten–2nd grade

1st Place: Sydney Stevens – Arts Based School

2nd Place: Hattie Boone – Whitaker Elementary School

Grades 3–5

1st Place: Luscinda Dickey – homeschool student

2nd Place: Ada Farmer – Brunson Elementary School

Middle School and High School

1st Place: Debra Mullis – Reagan High School

2017 Bookmarks Summer Reading Prize in Letters

Kindergarten–2nd grade

1st Place: Harper Webb – Arts Based School

2nd Place: Natalie Byrd – Konnoak Elementary School

Grades 3–5

1st Place: Keegan Brown – Whitaker Elementary School

2nd Place: Abigale Swartzlander – Piney Grove Elementary School

Middle School and High School

1st Place was a tie: Daniel Skorstad – Downtown School, and Emma Kate Halstead – homeschool student

2017 Bookmarks Summer Reading Prize in Video

1st Place: Molly Boyer – Carroll Middle School

2nd Place: Sadie Filipowski – Summit School

About Bookmarks

Bookmarks is a literary arts nonprofit organization that fosters a love of reading and writing in the community. The programming connects readers with authors and books and is achieved through the largest annual book festival in the Carolinas; an Authors in Schools program, which reaches 7,500 students annually; and year-round events in their gathering space and nonprofit independent bookstore that opened July 8, 2017. Bookmarks' fourteenth Festival of Book and Authors will be held September 6-9, 2018. Visit bookmarksnc.org for more information.