



#### Young Writers Honored By Young Literature Author

On August 23 at the Gilcrease Museum, the Tulsa Library Trust will present author Jim Murphy with the 2013 Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature.

Once he's received his award, Murphy, a two-time Newbery winner, will then present awards to winners of the library's 2013 Young People's Creative Writing Contest the next day at 10am at the Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St.

The contest, according to Christina Walsh, Tulsa City-County Library's teen services coordinator, is in its 29th year, saw a large number of entries this year in the categories of short stories, informal essays, poetry, and short plays.

"We had 515 kids enter," she said. "We took entries from May 1 to June 5, and then the judges had about three weeks to read the entries. This was a good time to do it since the kids were out of school, and now they'll get recognized as they're going back to school. Some of the categories have as many as a hundred entries, so it takes a while to judge it."

The 11 anonymous judges – all with backgrounds in teaching or creative writing and related fields -- have chosen the winners in the categories, which are sub-divided into age groups, as well. First-, second-, and third-place winners will receive \$100, \$50, \$25, respectively.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for the kids to hone their writing skills and get recognized for their hard work," Walsh said.

Both events are free and open to the public.

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