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**Summer is approaching rapidly. Plans are underway for our next series of Professional Development Workshops. They will begin in October 2012. Keep an eye out on the website for our schedule. Remember to enroll on [mylearningplan.com](http://mylearningplan.com) if you wish BOCES credit. If your district does not belong to BOCES we can provide you with Nassau Reading Council Certificates to present to your Professional Development Coordinator.**

**Your Editors,**

*Sarah, Susan and Nancy*

*Need to honor or memorialize a special person? Our Literacy cards honoring Books for Babies or International Literacy are available for purchase at the sign-in table at each workshop.*

## **June 4, 2012 Young Authors' Celebration**

Our annual celebration was an outstanding success! Congratulations once again to our fabulous Coordinator Donna Tassone. The evening was a success because of the hard work of her committee members and the Board of Nassau Reading Council who spend countless hours preparing, reading and selecting the winning entries. Every winner goes home with a book of the published winning entries and a photo from our photographer, Robin Brandvein.

**Nassau Reading Council  
Young Author's Contest  
2012 Award Winners  
Kindergarten - Grade 12**

(primary entries have been edited for spelling)

**Special Topic Recognition!**

**Steven Wright**

Cherry Lane School  
Carle Place School District  
Ms. Williams

**Kindergarten**

**Kate Ahern**

Watson Elementary School  
Rockville Centre District  
Mrs. Dodd

**Matthew Arnott**

Watson Elementary School  
Rockville Centre District  
Mrs. Moore

**Isabelle Lacrete**

Gotham Avenue School  
Elmont School District  
Mrs. Pourakis

**Grade 1**

**Maya Donoso Alagre**

Marion Street School  
Lynbrook School District  
Mrs. Boylan

**Annabella Georg-Hyun**

Cherry Lane School  
Carle Place School District  
Mrs. Williams

**Regan Nolan**

John Street School  
Franklin Square School District  
Mrs. Duffy

**Matthew Piccirillo**

School #8  
Oceanside School District  
Mrs. Davis

**Molly Stines**

Watson Elementary School  
Rockville Centre District  
Mrs. Johnson

**Grade 2**

**Joseph Abitabile**

Barnum Woods School  
East Meadow School District  
Mrs. Greenbaum

**Frank Morizio III**

School #8  
Oceanside School District  
Ms. Conte

**Kieran Wilken**

School #9  
Oceanside School District  
Ms. Smith

### **Grade 3**

**Brendan Deneen**

Unqua Elementary School  
Massapequa School District  
Mrs. Kennelly/Ms. LaManna

**Kevin Li**

South Grove School  
Syosset School District  
Mrs. Ganci

**Katie Mullane**

Mandalay Elementary School  
Wantagh School District  
Mrs. O'Callaghan

**Josephine O'Brien**

School #5  
Oceanside School District  
Mrs. Martin

### **Grade 4**

**Teddy Brita**

Buckley Country Day School  
Roslyn NY  
Mrs. Knox

**Elizabeth Chang**

Village Elementary School  
Syosset School District  
Ms. McEroy

**Riley Martin**

School #2  
Oceanside School District  
Mrs. Faherty

**Camila Zambrano**

Wheeler Avenue School  
Valley Stream 13 District  
Ms. Mundy

### **Grade 5**

**Brooke Benedis**

Village Elementary School  
Syosset School District  
Mrs. Kaplan

**Dana Drogin**

Village Elementary School  
Syosset School District  
Mrs. Serras

**Michael Ott**

Wheeler Avenue School  
Valley Stream 13 District  
Mr. Jacob

### **Grade 6**

**Grace Hessler**

Unqua Elementary School  
Massapequa School District  
Ms. Catalado

**Grace Limoncelli**

Buckley Country Day School  
Roslyn NY  
Ms. Thomas

**Selina Rivers**

School #5  
Oceanside School District  
Ms. Maguire

**Grade 7**

**Anthony Hernandez**

Bethpage JFK Middle School  
Bethpage School District  
Ms. Zito/Mr. Kramer

**Margaret Minett**

Garden City Middle School  
Garden City School District  
Ms. Palumbis

**Susan Pelczar**

Garden City Middle School  
Garden City School District  
Ms. Palumbis

**Nefes Pirzada**

Buckley Country Day School  
Roslyn NY  
Mrs. Siple

**Sara Wong**

Manhasset Middle School  
Manhasset School District  
Ms. Skolnik

## **Grade 8**

<b>Gianna D'Angelo</b>	H. Frank Carey JHS Sewanaka Central HS District Ms. De Martino
<b>Max Kerman</b>	Lawrence Middle School Lawrence School District Ms. Bienstock
<b>Kristin Lunt</b>	Plainview-Old Bethpage MS Plainview-Old Bethpage SD Mrs. Infranca

## **Grade 9**

<b>Maria Fredericks</b>	Valley Stream South High Valley Stream School District Mrs. Bojsa
<b>Lia Kakoulidis</b>	Oyster Bay High School Oyster Bay-East Norwich SD Mrs. Vigliotti
<b>Carter Paterson</b>	Manhasset High School Manhasset School District Ms. Kannengieser
<b>Karie Sit</b>	Manhasset High School Manhasset School District Ms. Kannengieser

## **Grade 10**

<b>Reem Ahmed</b>	New Hyde Park Memorial HS Sewanhaka HS District Mr. Di Scala
<b>Miranda Faria</b>	West Hempstead High School West Hempstead District Mr. Bonasia
<b>Jamie Rodriguez</b>	West Hempstead High School West Hempstead District Mr. Bonasia

## **Grade 11**

<b>Jared Benatar</b>	Roslyn High School Roslyn School District Mr. Capozzi
<b>Francesca McGuire</b>	Valley Stream South High Valley Stream School District Mrs. Rudin
<b>John Tripptree</b>	New Hyde Park Memorial HS Sewanhaka HS District Mrs. Caruso



## **Grade 12**

**Dante Curcio**

Oyster Bay High School  
Oyster Bay-East Norwich SD  
Mrs. Brady

**Jillian Murray**

Oyster Bay High School  
Oyster Bay-East Norwich SD  
Mrs. DiMaggio

### **NYSRA Council Fellows Program By Carol Hacker, Regional Director**

New York State Reading Association has created this new program.

Rationale: To increase attendance and participation in future years, by encouraging attendance by new teachers/graduate students/new members. Ambassadors will be asked to share their experience at their local council meetings (preferably general membership meeting).

Open to members of a local council who have never attended a NYSRA Annual Conference with the suggestion that special consideration given to new teachers (less than five years of teaching).

Local councils will determine the procedures for selection of person to receive full conference registration with the stipulation that the member must never have attended a NYSRA Annual Conference.

Ambassadors will receive full conference registration to the conference

Number of ambassadors: 21

Proposed by Carol Hacker, NYSRA Conference Committee 2012

Approved as Amended by the Assembly of Delegates (March 24, 2012)

