The Friends of the Library are pleased to announce the winners of this year’s Essay Contest, sponsored by the Helen Fuller Cultural Carrousel.

This year the Friends asked students age 6 – 18 to “Describe a book that helped you learn about a new time, place, or emotion.” Over 50 entries were received, and the winners are divided into five (5) age categories:

**1st Prize - $100 Barnes & Noble gift card**
- 6-7: Calista Oxley, Creepy Pair of Underwear
- 8-9: Annmarie Ewing, The Cabin Faced West
- 10-11: Luciano Cortes, Oh, the Places You’ll Go!
- 12-13: Trini Z. Zuckerman-Ara, JUST Jaime
- 14-18: Sarah Madden, Crying in H Mart

**2nd Prize - $75 Barnes & Noble gift card**
- 6-7: Oliva Dorantes, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe
- 8-9: Madily Oxley, The Wild Robot Escapes
- 10-11: Molly Rankin, The Light of Days
- 12-13: Amelia Shin, The Graveyard Book
- 14-18: Varvara Okuneva, The Autumn of the Patriarch

**3rd Prize - $50 Barnes and Noble gift card**
- 6-7: Katelyn Ewing, Waiting is Not Easy
- 8-9: Priseis Huerta, Japan
- 10-11: Emma Ward, The Land of Stories
- 12-13: Maritza Perez, The One and Only Ivan
- 14-18: Lola Dagat, Harry Potter Books

An Awards Ceremony will be held Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 10:30 am at Michelle Obama Neighborhood Library, 5870 Atlantic Ave. Winners and their families are invited to attend.