

Young Authors' Contest | 2022-2023 Winners

Elementary (Grades 2-5)					
Grade Category	Place	Name	Title	School	Teacher/Email
Grade 1 SS	1	Vincent Fasano	The Axolotl and the Obstacle Course	Worcester Prep	Angie Bunting abunting@wpsmd.org
	2	Piper Lynch	Grandpa's House	Buckingham Elementary	Susan Gray SMGray@worcesterk12.org
	3	Quinn Westbrook	The Hike	Buckingham Elementary	Susan Gray SMGray@worcesterk12.org
Grade 2 Poetry	1-tie	Isla Pippin	Hilly	Worcester Prep	Ms. Alison jalison@wpsmd.org
	1-tie	Samantha Kuna-Neto	Hurt Heart	The Salisbury School	Allie Baldwin albaldwin@thesalisburyschool.org
	2	Lily Gelman	The Old Houses	Showell Elementary	Angela Rankin amrankin@worcesterk12.org
	3-tie	Rhett Geiger	Summer Light	Ocean City Elementary	Vorsteg JMVorsteg@worcesterk12.org
	3-tie	Amelia Auchey	My Fairies	The Salisbury School	Allison Baldwin albaldwin@thesalisburyschool.org
	Grade 2 SS	1	Cole Parsons	The Angry Wind	The Salisbury School
2		Rhett Geiger	Harry at Bat	Ocean City Elementary	Vorsteg JMVorsteg@worcesterk12.org
3		Sailor Giska	The Turkey That Got Away	Buckingham Elementary	Mrs. Bredenbe sebredenberg@worcesterk12.org
Grade 3 Poetry	1	Charlize Nayla Damouni	Fight For It	Worcester Prep	Ms. Seipp aseipp@wpsmd.org
	2-tie	Leona Perdue	Things I Like To Do	North Salisbury Elementary	Christine Tawes ctawes@wcboe.org
	2-tie	Jessie James Richards	The Sea	North Salisbury Elementary	Christine Tawes ctawes@wcboe.org
	3-tie	Miles Colon	Fall	North Salisbury Elementary	Christine Tawes ctawes@wcboe.org
	3-tie	Cruz Montoya	My Unwelcomed Friend	Pocomoke Elementary	S. Evansky slevansky@worcesterk12.org
Grade 3 SS	1	Evelyn Caudill	Outer Space	Showell Elementary	Thompson mrthompson@worcesterk12.org
	2	William B. Heim	The Journal of Chloe "Indiana" Jones	North Salisbury Elementary	Christine Tawes ctawes@wcboe.org
	3-tie	Maisie Gill	The Coney Island Kitties	Ocean City Elementary	Ms. Foreman ARforeman@worcesterk12.org
	3-tie	Emma Grace Hailey	Adventures of Fire and Chance	Buckingham Elementary	Mrs. Moniodis MAMoniodis@worcesterk12.org

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Grade 4 Poetry	1	Gianna Baines	Restoring Friendship	Buckingham Elementary	Sandy Rippin SLRippin@worcesterk12.org
	2	Serena Jaoude	A Confusing Poem	Worcester Prep	Erin Shimko eshimko@wpsmd.org
	3-tie	Claire Hakeem	Hot Chocolate	North Salisbury Elementary	Della Ratta lisadellara@wboe.org
	3-tie	Andrew Bartkovich	Punta Cana	The Salisbury School	Samantha Keyes sakeyes@thesalisburyschool.org
Grade 4 SS	1	Jefferson Bounds	The Allergy Vikings	The Salisbury School	Samantha Keyes sakeyes@thesalisburyschool.org
	2	Sloane Smith	Check Mates	Worcester Prep	Kimberly Jankowski KJankowski@worcesterk12.org
	3	Eli Parker	Max's Medieval Mixup	Worcester Prep	Erin Shimko eshimko@wpsmd.org
Grade 5 Poetry	1	Lea Jaoude	Happiness	Worcester Prep	Lisa Rill lrill@wpsmd.org
	2	Ronit Poddar	Reasons I Love Different Seasons	Berlin Intermediate School	Lori Romano laromano@worcesterk12.org
	3	Leo Geiger	There is Nothing Like the Ocean	Berlin Intermediate School	Jenna Paul jmpaul@worcesterk12.org
Grade 5 SS	1	Jeremy Quan	Cosmic Catastrophe	North Salisbury Elementary	Estelle Pappas epappas@wboe.org
	2	Rowan White	The Tale of Twilight	Westside Intermediate School	Tammy Adams tadams@wboe.org
	3	Jamie Wade	Wanderers	The Salisbury School	Ashley Gibbs asgibbs@thesalisburyschool.org

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Middle (Grades 6-8)					
Grade 6 Poetry	1	Alisa Jasjko	The Wildest Dreams	Berlin Intermediate School	Pam Messick pamessick@worcesterk12.org
	2-tie	Lilly Elizabeth Finkbeiner	The Seasons	Bennett Middle	Deanna Marshall dmarshall@wcboe.org
	2-tie	Kristie Carr	Christmas Joy	Worcester Prep	Susan Godwin sgodwin@wpsmd.org
	3	Claire Sullivan	Last Night	Berlin Intermediate	Keith Geiger keigeiger@Worcesterk12.org
Grade 6 SS	1	Ara Kang	The Haunted Road	Berlin Intermediate School	Keith Geiger keigeiger@worcesterk12.org
	2	Ruby Mirabelle Ludwick	The Blue Room	St. Francis de Sales Catholic School	Paula Lattanzi plattanzi@sfdscs.org
	3	Elias Baldridge	The Tunnel	Berlin Intermediate School	Kelly Upchurch klpowell@worcesterk12.org
Grade 7 Poetry	1	Aberle Bunting	Rhonda Walsh	Stephen Decatur Middle School	Jaimie Ridgely Jsrulgely@worcesterk12.org
	2	Aidan Cooper	The Car	Stephen Decatur Middle School	Jaimie Ridgely Jsrulgely@worcesterk12.org
	3	Vivien Ruggerio	Christmas Morning	Worcester Prep	Susan Godwin sgodwin@wpsmd.org
Grade 7 SS	1	Paul Kraeuter	A Dark, Dark Shadow	Worcester Prep	Allison Bescak abescak@wpsmd.org
	2	Scarlett Shimko	Justa Speck	Worcester Prep	Allison Bescak abescak@wpsmd.org
	3	Israel David	The Wizard Tournament	Stephen Decatur Middle School	Jaimie Ridgely Jsrulgely@worcesterk12.org
Grade 8 Poetry	1	Peter Jin	The Island	Salisbury Middle	Kathleen Vinroot kvinroot@wcboe.org
	2	Ronnie Becerra	The Great Tug	Bennett Middle	Tara Elliott telliott@wcboe.org
	3	Claire Marie Webster	Cluttered Basement	Bennett Middle	Tara Elliott telliott@wcboe.org
Grade 8 SS	1	Jude McDowell	Mushrooms	The Salisbury School	Kate Dyer kadyer@thesalisburyschool.org
	2-tie	Nathan Baskerville	Blank Page	Stephen Decatur Middle School	Jaimie Ridgely Jsrulgely@worcesterk12.org
	2-tie	Mia Jaoude	Payback	Worcester Prep	Allison Bescak abescak@wpsmd.org
	3-tie	Lara Marie Owens	Night at the Mall	Worcester Prep	Allison Bescak abescak@wpsmd.org
	3-tie	Sylvie Hershberger	Under the Ice	The Salisbury School	Kate Dyer kadyer@thesalisburyschool.org

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High (Grades 9-12)					
Grade 9 Poetry	1	Kathryn Miller-Vail	Unrequited	Stephen Decatur High	Kaitlyn Thatcher KMThatcher@worcesterk12.org
	2	Jude Roger Damouni	Lost Land	Worcester Prep	Megan Leslie mleslie@wpsmd.org
	3-tie	Tyler Netting	A Dream's Journey	Worcester Prep	Megan Leslie mleslie@wpsmd.org
	3-tie	Savvy Aralyn Wertz	Soul of the Forest	Snow Hill High	Ari Johnson AJohnson@worcesterk12.org
Grade 9 SS	1	Sophia Bailey	Hiraeth	Parkside High	Ashley Capute acapute@wcboe.org
	2	Savvy Aralyn Wertz	Battle of the Souls	Snow Hill High	Ari Johnson AJohnson@worcesterk12.org
	3	Jessica Liu April Dashiell	7 Legends, Chapter 1	Pocomoke High	Mrs. McCormack lmmccormack@worcesterk12.org
Grade 10 Poetry	1	Ava Baer	Tenacity	Mardela Middle & High	Kristi Hawkins khawkins@wcboe.org
	2	Wai Poorman	A Frozen Frau	Jame M. Bennett High	Mrs. Morris Amorris@worcesterk12.org
	3-tie	Lauren Sulzbach-Oliveira	Unlucky	Parkside High	Cody Strouth cstrouth@wcboe.org
	3-tie	Christopher Kim	Myself	Jame M. Bennett High	Mrs. Morris Amorris@worcesterk12.org
Grade 10 SS	1	Ava Baer	The Author	Mardela Middle & High	Kristi Hawkins khawkins@wcboe.org
	2	Allen Zhang	Four Fluffy Pounds of Happiness	Worcester Prep	Kevin Chalk kchalk@wpsmd.org
	3	Jayden Scopp	The Sand	Worcester Prep	Kevin Chalk kchalk@wpsmd.org
Grade 11 Poetry	1	Abbi Weeks	The Butterfly Effect	Stephen Decatur High	Kim Patrick KAPatrick@worcesterk12.org
	2	Ava Skorobatsch	Rhythm of Life	Pocomoke High	Aimee Bergonia ASBergonia@worcesterk12.org
	3-tie	Dakotah Trader	Adolescence	Pocomoke High	Aimee Bergonia ASBergonia@worcesterk12.org
	3-tie	Madeline Hamm	Shower Curtain	Stephen Decatur High	Nikki Zervakos NLZervakos@worcesterk12.org
Grade 11 SS	1	Abbi Weeks	Past, Present, and the Space In-Between	Stephen Decatur High	Kim Patrick KAPatrick@worcesterk12.org
	2	Dylan McGovern	A Morning in the Marsh	Worcester Prep	Elizabeth Nally enally@wpsmd.org
	3	Simran Jain	Seventy Five Years of Sorrow	Stephen Decatur High	Mrs. Brittingham MABrittingham@worcesterk12.org
Grade 12 Poetry	1	Jessica Beck	Filling Pages	Stephen Decatur High	Kia Terlizzi klterlizzi@worcesterk12.org

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	2	Jay Schmuff	Fleeting Choice Fleeting Rite	Parkside High	Jessica James jjames@wboe.org
	3	Jett Odachowski	Life	Worcester Prep	Megan Leslie mleslie@wpsmd.org
Grade 12 SS	1	Arlenni Rodriguez-Carpio	The Dream Keeper	Stephen Decatur High	Mary Berquist MCBerquist@worcesterk12.org
	2	Airiyel Yuneke	The Keepers	Stephen Decatur High	Kia Terlizzi KLTerlizzi@worcesterk12.org
	3	Emily Leon	November 4th	The Salisbury School	Rachel Cress racress@thesalisburyschool.org

Awards Breakdown by School

School Name	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Total Awards
Bennett Middle (Wicomico)		2	1	3
Berlin Intermediate (Worcester)	2	1	3	6
Buckingham Elementary (Worcester)	1	1	3	5
James M. Bennett High (Wicomico)		1	1	2
Mardela Middle & High	2			2
North Salisbury Elementary (Wicomico)	1	3	2	6
Ocean City Elementary (Worcester)		1	2	3
Parkside High (Wicomico)	1	1	2	4
Pocomoke Elementary (Worcester)			1	1
Pocomoke High (Wicomico)		1	2	3
Salisbury Middle (Wicomico)	1			1
Showell Elementary (Worcester)	1	1		2
St. Francis de Sale Catholic (Private)		1		1
Snow Hill High (Worcester)		1	1	2
Stephen Decatur Middle (Worcester)	1	2	1	4
Stephen Decatur High (Worcester)	5	1	2	8
The Salisbury School (Private)	4		5	9
Westside Intermediate School (Wicomico)		1		1
Worcester Preparatory School (Private)	5	8	6	19
	24	26	32	82

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