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Lafitte Foundation opens its spring essay contest

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The Brielle-based Charles Lafitte Foundation [CLF] Kid's Corner is hosting a spring essay contest featuring works of non-fiction.

Students in grades 3-12 attending a public or private school in the United States are invited to participate in the contest. To enter, students must read a book listed under their corresponding grade level. Then, entrants must use their essay to tell CLF the main character's most important characteristic that helps them overcome obstacles. Winning essay-writers will receive \$1,000 for his or her school library and a Kindle Fire for themselves.

"With students enjoying time off for spring vacation, we hope kids take the opportunity to read, imagine and learn," said Kyra Citron, director of Kid's Corner. "We can't wait to receive many insightful and talented essays from students around the country."

The books for grades 3-5 are "The Diary of a Young Girl," by Anne Frank, and "Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World," by Jennifer Armstrong.

The books for grades 6-8 are "I Am Malala," by Malala Yousafzai, and "The Boy on the Wooden Box," by Leon Leyson.

The books for high school students are "Wild," by Cheryl Strayed, and "Unbroken," by Laura Hillenbrand.

Since 2012, donations to school libraries from CLF essay contest winners total \$18,000.

CLF's Kid's Corner encourages children to have a voice and role in helping better their community.

Essays must be typed and emailed to kidscorner@charleslafitte.org by April 17. For more information and essays from previous winners, visit www.charleslafitte.org/kidscorner.