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## Charles Lafitte Foundation holds summer reading essay contest

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The Charles Lafitte Foundation [CLF] announced the return of its Kid's Corner "Summer Reading Adventure" Essay Contest.

Students from grades third through twelfth attending a public or private school in the U.S. are invited to participate in the contest. To enter, students must read a book listed under their corresponding grade level and tell CLF through their essay how the characters' experience changed them.

Winning essay-writers will receive a Kindle Fire and \$1,000 for their school library.

"There's no better time for a reading adventure like summer vacation, when kids have extra freedom to enjoy a good book over a long break from school and

advance their reading skills at the same time," said Kyra Citron, director of Kid's Corner. "With an exciting selection of books at every grade level, we can't wait to receive this year's thoughtful essays from talented kids across the country."

Reading for grades third through fifth includes:

"Nightmares!" by Jason Segel and Kirsten Miller.

"The Wishing Spell [The Land of Stories #1]" by Chris Colfer and Brandon Dorman.

Reading for grades sixth through eighth includes:

"Echo" by Pam Muñoz Ryan.

"The Screaming Staircase" [Lockwood & Co. #1] by Jonathan Stroud.

Reading for high school students includes:

"All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr.

"Station Eleven" by Emily St. John Mandel.

CLF's Kid's Corner strives to encourage kids not only to have a voice, but to have a role in helping better their community as well. Kid's Corner is run by kids for kids, placing the power of change directly in their capable hands. Every child is invited to join with CLF and become a grant maker by telling the organization which non-profit organizations are important to them and how CLF can help.

Eligible students must be in third through twelfth grades in September 2015. Essays must be typed and emailed to [kidscorner@charleslafitte.org](mailto:kidscorner@charleslafitte.org) by September 18. More information is available at [www.charleslafitte.org/kids-corner](http://www.charleslafitte.org/kids-corner).

### ABOUT THE CLF FOUNDATION

The Charles Lafitte Foundation supports innovative and effective ways of helping people help themselves and others around them to achieve healthy, satisfying and enriched lives. The Foundation supports organizations working in four main areas: education, children's advocacy, medical research and issues, and the arts. The Foundation underwrites programs that can become self-sustaining with long-term commitment and measurable impact. In determining grants, CLF looks for solutions that lead to independence and self-empowerment for individuals, and to the establishment of effective, long-standing programs and organizations.

For more information about the Charles Lafitte Foundation visit [www.charleslafitte.org](http://www.charleslafitte.org).

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