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CLF hosts essay contest for grades three through 12

Grades 3-12 essay contest, chance to win Kindle, money for library

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Brielle's Charles Lafitte Foundation [CLF] Kid's Corner is hosting a "National Bullying Prevention Month" essay contest to encourage children to read and improve their understanding of the effects of bullying.

Students in grades three through 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 and write an essay sharing their own experiences that answers the following question: How does the story relate to challenges for acceptance you have experienced within your own life, or challenges you have witnessed within your community?

Winning essay-writers will receive \$1,000 for his or her

school library and a Kindle Fire for themselves.

"National Bullying Prevention Month is the perfect time to think about the impact of bullying and how we can be more accepting of others," Kyra Citron, director of Kid's Corner said. "We can't wait to read the insightful essay submissions about understanding differences and accepting others who are not exactly like us."

Reading for grades three-five includes:

- "Freak the Mighty," by Rodman Philbrick.
- "Goblinheart," by Brett Axel.

Reading for grades six-eight includes:

- "One for the Murphys," by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- "Schooled," by Gordon Korman.

Reading for high school students includes:

- "Just Listen," by Sarah Dessen.
- "It's Kind of a Funny Story," by Ned Vizzini.

In addition to the essay contest, CLF's Kid's Corner will be participating in Unity

Day, sponsored by Pacer's National Bullying Prevention Center to unite around the color orange and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion during National Bullying Prevention Month.

CLF's Kid's Corner strives to encourage kids not only have a voice, but a role in helping better their community. 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 currently be attending a public or private school in the United States in grades three through 12 in the 2015 school year. Essays must be typed and emailed to kidscorner@charleslafitte.org by Nov. 13. More information is available at www.charleslafitte.org/kidscorner.