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Charles Lafitte Foundation announces student essay contest winners

Two Middlesex County students are among the winners of the Kid's Corner 2014-2015 Winter Essay Contest sponsored by the Charles Lafitte Foundation.

The winners are **Aditya Viswanathan Kaliappan**, grade 1,1 of Clarksburg High School in Clarksburg, Maryland; **Maya Mau**, grade 6, of Community Middle School in Plainsboro, and **Sanya Mehra**, grade 5, of Millstone River School in Plainsboro. Each student will receive a Kindle Fire, plus \$1,000 for their school library.

The Winter Essay Contest invited any student in grades 3 to 12, attending a public or private school, to submit an essay. To enter, students had to read a book listed under their corresponding grade level, and tell the foundation through their essay how the main character grows and changes from the be-

ginning to the end of the story.

"As always, it was extremely difficult to choose winners among the many talented and insightful essays that we received," Kyra Citron, director of Kid's Corner, said in a prepared statement. "We are so happy to see the response from kids who chose to read during their winter vacation."

The Charles Lafitte Foundation'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 the foundation and become a grant maker by telling the organization which non-profit organizations are important to them and how the foundation can help. More information is available at www.charleslafitte.org/kids-corner; the winning essays also may be viewed there..



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Sanya Mehra, a fifth-grader at Millstone River School in Plainsboro, was among the winners of the Kid's Corner 2014-2015 Winter Essay Contest sponsored by the Charles Lafitte Foundation.



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Maya Mau, right, a sixth-grader at Community Middle School in Plainsboro, was among the winners of the Kid's Corner 2014-2015 Winter Essay Contest sponsored by the Charles Lafitte Foundation. She is shown with English teacher Karen Black, left, and Principal Shauna Carter.