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LOCAL CHILDREN VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE BOOKS

MERCED – In the spirit of Election Day, the Merced County Library announced the winners of their Vote for Books contest. The winners are listed below and will be posted today on the County Library website at www.mercedcountylibrary.org. Voting took place on October 1-18, 2008 at library branches. Children were able to vote at any of the Merced County Library branches; children also printed out their ballots at home and brought them in to the Library. Several schools also brought ballots into the Library to be counted.

Category

Older Series(Grades 4 and up)

Younger Series

Picture Book(K-3)

Chapter Book:

Winner and Runner-Up

Winner: Spiderwick Chronicles

Runner up: Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling

Winner: Hanna Montana Series(various authors)

Runner Up: Goosebumps Series by R.L. Stine

Winner: Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Seuss.

Runner Up: Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss

Winner: Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney.

Runner Up: Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

“Voting and civic participation are important to democracy,” commented Ericka Carr, Merced County Children’s Librarian. “We were excited to have individual children and schools participate in this year’s ‘election’ of their favorite books. We would like to thank all the children who voted, and all the school principals, teachers and parents who encouraged the children to vote.”

1,560 ballots were cast in the Votes for Books contest this year. The Merced County election department donated the use of four actual voting booths to be placed in the library during the children’s voting period. The titles on the four different ballots were selected by way of a contest held by Upstart Reading Programs. Children also could write in their own choices if they did not like any of the books included on the ballots.

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