


Essay Contest Winners Announced

MAY 2, 2013, CONTEST UPDATE: Congratulations to the San Carlos Library's 16th Annual City-wide Library Student Essay Contest **Grand Prize Winners** [Caroline Beail, 4th grader at Dailard Elementary](#) and [Bailey Pinto, 10th grader at PHHS](#). Each received a new laptop computer from Computers 2 SD Kids, \$75 from FSDPL, and mementoes presented by the San Diego City Council and FSDPL. We also had two prize winning **semi-finalists**: [Anngely Leeds from the Learning Choice Academy](#), and [Isabelle Pinto from Pershing Middle School](#). All of the submitted essays were impressive. We congratulate the students, parents and teaching staffs and thank the contest sponsors for their support. The author of the best overall essay was awarded a special prize of \$500 in memory of contest originators, **Jack and Carolyn Winer**. Jack was a Past-President of FSDPL & SCFOL. Seventeen years ago San Carlos resident Jack Winer envisioned the essay contest as a vehicle to encourage young people to read, write, and think. We think his goal was accomplished. Thank you Jack!

The essays covered many diverse and interesting books –from *Hunger Games* to *The Bible*—making the job of choosing “the best” out of 94 great essays not an easy task for this year’s judges who were  Flora Hogins, Patricia Woodall, Dan Yelvington, and Barbara Woodall. Our thanks go to them and a special cheer to Barbara who also chaired this year’s contest. We also wish to thank our corporate sponsors: Friends of the San Diego Public Library, San Diego Public Library, San Diego Unified School District Library Media Teachers, KPBS, Lloyd pest Control, and Computers 2 SD Kids (C2SDK).

All 94 San Carlos participating students received participation certificates. The eleven local winners also received an impressive commendation certificate from the S.D. City-Council (thank you Councilmember Scott Sherman and our area representative-presenter Jon Staab) and a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble (thank you Friends).