

Teen Creativity Contest Winners 2025 11-23-2025

Hutchinson Public Library's Young Adult (YA) Advisory Board announces the winners of its 2025 Creativity Contest. Winners are:

ART

Grades 6 – 8:

- 1st – Miles Lee Fisher
(Homeschool, 7th gr.)
- 2nd – Madilynn Smart (Pretty
Prairie Middle School, 7th gr.)
- 3rd – Eliza Williamson
(Homeschool, 8th gr.)

Grades 9 – 12:

- 1st – Jayce Jennings (Inman
High School, 10th gr.)
- 2nd – Emily Link (Homeschool,
10th gr.)
- 3rd – Kru Harris (Inman High
School, 10th gr.)

3D ART

Grades 6-8

- 1st – Layton Oeser (Lincoln
McCandless, 6th gr.)

Grades 9-12

- 1st – Jaden Roots (Inman High
School, 10th gr.)
- 2nd – Avery Epp (Inman High
School, 10th gr.)
- 3rd – Faith Baxter (Inman High
School, 10th gr.)

PHOTOGRAPHY

Grades 6 – 8:

- 1st – Hudson Ohnmacht
(Nickerson Elementary, 6th gr.)
- 2nd – Emmet Penner (Agape
Academy, 7th gr.)
- 3rd – Ainsley Zies (Hutchinson
Middle School, 7th gr.)

Grades 9 – 12:

- 1st – Jaycie Ohnmacht
(Nickerson High School, 10th gr.)
- 2nd – Salena Garcia (Hutchinson
High School, 10th gr.)
- 3rd – Alexis Noone (Inman High
School, 11th gr.)

POETRY

Grades 6 – 8:

- 1st – Iris Riggs (Graber
Elementary School, 6th gr.)
- 2nd – Easton Gnapp (Lincoln
McCandless, 6th gr.)

Grades 9 – 12:

- 1st – Ember (Azar)
Haden-Henderson (Midtown Alternative
High School, 10th gr.)
- 2nd – Emma Kay Waltner
(Midtown Alternative High School, 11th
gr.)
- 3rd – Ashton Baldwin (Midtown
Alternative High School, 9th gr.)

SHORT STORIES

Grades 6 – 8:

- 1st – Olivia Markus (Prairie Hills
Middle School, 6th gr.)

Grades 9 – 12:

- 1st – Brennan Schrag (Pretty
Prairie High School, 10th gr.)
- 2nd – Willow Clayman (Haven
High School, 10th gr.)

OTHER (PERFORMANCE)

Grades 6-8

- Brian Nininger (Homeschool, 7th
gr.)

Fifty-two young adults were represented by the 75 entries received in this year's contest. Judges consisted of volunteer members of the library's Young Adult Advisory Board. This is the 29th creativity contest sponsored by the library's YA Advisory Board, and was for area youth in grades 6 – 12. Through the months of October and November, entries were accepted for the categories of art, photography, poetry, short stories, and performance.

Winning entries will be printed in our next issue of the YA Creativity Newsletter, which will be available at the library and online in January. All entries will be displayed at our upcoming Teen Coffeehouse, which will be Saturday, January 10, 2025, from 2-4pm.