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School 18 Literacy Fair Sets a Standard



The School 18 Literacy fair has become an annual event that is really something of a spectacular affair! In fact, volunteer judges and district administrators from Superintendent Shafer on down agree that the School 18 Literacy Fair should stand as a model for the rest of the district! Now in its 4th year, the Literacy Fair is getting bigger and better.

The competition was developed by teacher Jennifer Rey to provide students with an opportunity to present their favorite book in a “fair” atmosphere. Display boards are created and presented to judges much like a science fair – except the Reading Fair is all about *literacy*. The fair enables students to read a book of their choice and then highlight that book through imagination and creativity.

The Literacy Fair was an all-day event with an overall theme - this year’s theme being *camping*. As deep woods sound effects permeated the room, district officials and parents reviewed the top two finalist from each class, which they perused during a *gallery walk*. [Awards were presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners](#) in different grade-level categories at a ceremony that took place a few days later. Winners not only received medals and certificates, but also exciting prizes that included Bluetooth headphones, instant film cameras, and smart watches!



Each year, the *Bridge of Books* organization donates books for every student attending the fair to take home! By participating in the School 18 Literacy Fair, it is hoped that the students will have had an enjoyable reading experience and develop a life-long love for reading. School 18 is already plotting new ways to make this wonderful learning experience even stronger for next year’s participants.



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