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## **FVRL Announces Winners of 2015 Teen “Imagined Ink” Writing Contest**

*Winners announced at special Oct. 23 author event in Vancouver*

VANCOUVER, Wash. – Six aspiring wordsmiths have been selected as winners of the 2015 Imagined Ink writing contest sponsored by Fort Vancouver Regional Library District. This annual contest for the district’s youth in grades six through 12 invites young writers to submit an original work of 1,000 words or less in any format. Entries were judged by library staff, with six of the 420 entries submitted being named winners in two categories:

### High school

First Place – **Chardy Probst**, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, CAM Academy (Battle Ground), “Dear Mr. Wright”

Second Place – **Rebekah Muir**, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade, Washougal High School, “The Writer”

Third Place – **Ksenia Phelps**, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (Goldendale - homeschooled), “The Bee’s Friend”

### Middle school

First Place – **Mailei Brodniak**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, iTech Preparatory (Vancouver), “My Last Words”

Second Place – **Sandra Fachiol**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Chief Umtuch Middle School (Battle Ground), “Flight 93”

Third Place – **Kaya Dunn**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Vancouver School of Arts and Academics, “Zenetha”

Links to the full text of the winning entries are posted on the library’s website,

<http://new.fvrl.org/imagined-ink>.

The number of entries received in 2015 was about 80 per cent higher than the 234 submitted in 2014.

Contest results were announced at a special event for teens held on Friday, Oct. 23 at Vancouver Community Library. The event, which also was streamed live at White Salmon Valley Community Library, featured Deb Caletti, award-winning author of “*Honey, Baby, Sweetheart*” and other young-adult titles.

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