



21st Annual
**FAMILY
Literacy
FESTIVAL**

presented by
**The Gainesville
Sun**
&
The Alachua County
Literacy Network

Saturday, October 10, 2009
at the Alachua County Library Headquarters
and the Matheson Museum

Despite the unseasonably muggy weather, families came out and celebrated the 21st annual Family Literacy Festival on October 10, 2009. "[This] is a grand event and an opportunity to educate our community about literacy in a festive environment," said Terri Hutchinson, Literacy Coordinator for the Alachua County Library District.

The purpose of the festival was to raise awareness about literacy and to recognize children who participated in the week-long Million Minutes of Reading Challenge. Children logged the number of minutes they read through the Alachua County Library's website, www.aclib.us.

In addition to the ribbons awarded to the students, the festival served as a platform to recognize volunteers in the community who contribute to literacy programs throughout the year. Certificates were presented by Gainesville Mayor Peegen Hanrahan.

Students from area schools performed at the festival and educational and community displays throughout the event offered goodies and food in addition to information. Children who turned in a stamp sheet with 9 spaces completed collected a free book at the Matheson Museum, finishing up a great morning at the Downtown Headquarters Library!



Photos by Sanna Saare

The following students were Super Readers in the 2009 Million Minutes of Reading Challenge. They are listed by grade, then student name.

ALACHUA ELEMENTARY

- 4 - Alan Dai
- 3 - Julie Peeling
- 2 - Madison Jackson
- 1 - Leah Sol Exelbirt

ARCHER COMMUNITY

- 5 - Christy Bailey
- 4 - Anniston Baluyot
- 3 - Gretchen Murphy

CHILES ELEMENTARY

- 5 - Elizabeth Brantley
- 4 - Otto Piramuthu
- 3 - Matthew Berceli
- 2 - Ria Dharnidharka
- 1 - Tesslyn Dahl

DUVAL ELEMENTARY

- 2 - Bryanna McCray

FAMILY WORSHIP CENTER

- 5 - Dalton Petty

J.J. FINLEY ELEM.

- 5 - Ann Sagul
- 4 - Miranda Anhalzer
- 3 - Camille Eyman
- 2 - Nathan Merritt
- 1 - Lucy Castine

GLEN SPRINGS ELEM.

- 3 - Aidan French
- 2 - Corey Kloss

HIDDEN OAK ELEM.

- 3 - Jack Rowland
- 2 - Brindha Rathinasabapathi
- 1 - Rishi Chitepu

HIGH SPRINGS COMMUNITY

- 5 - Kaitlyn Tapia-Ruano
- 1 - Allen Coen

HOGGETOWNE MIDDLE

- 7 - Isaac King

HOWARD BISHOP

- 7 - Murielle Lemaire

IDYLWILD ELEM.

- 4 - Emily Chamberlin
- 3 - Lanetta Fleming
- 2 - Celina Croce
- 1 - Janae Slater

IRBY ELEMENTARY

- 2 - Ashley Carroll
- 1 - Andrew Rubert

LAKE FOREST ELEM.

- 4 - Zachary Coleman
- 3 - Charles Curtis
- 2 - Arriell Veal
- 1 - Aalyiha Martin

LITTLEWOOD ELEM.

- 4 - Hunter Dorris
- 3 - Ruth King

MILLHOPPER MONTESSORI

- 5 - Soren Bender
- 3 - Ava Bender
- 2 - Aidan Bender

STEPHEN FOSTER ELEMENTARY

- 5 - Carolina Rosales
- 1 - Tahsin Nabi

TALBOT ELEMENTARY

- 5 - Anson Braun
- 4 - Brian Cheung
- 3 - Cameron Colquitt
- 2 - David Sampson
- 1 - Dante Reccoppa

TERWILLIGER ELEM.

- 5 - Teishaa Gaskin
- 3 - Dayzha Jacquett
- 2 - Nathan Breman
- 1 - Jack Mitchell

WALDO COMMUNITY

- 5 - Shane Schenck
- 2 - Jakob Schenck

WESTWOOD MIDDLE

- 7 - Jasmine McCray

WILLIAMS ELEMENTARY

- 4 - Daniel Koropecjy-Cox
- 3 - Yared Tadesse
- 2 - Myracle Brown
- 1 - Dawnitta Coburn



Thanks to those who contributed their time and energy!

- Lauren Alderman
- Cheryl Allen
- Cheryl S. Allen
- Jenny Alty
- Farah Alzaatari
- Courtney Amaro
- Violet Asmuth
- Marjorie Ayers
- Lauren Baker
- Jennifer Banks
- Anne Banks
- Kristen Bash
- Hank Bass
- Cindy Baxley
- Diana Blitch
- Louise Brown
- Laura Browning
- Charlotte Burks
- Kyla Cacciabave
- Jazmin Caleron

- Pam Carpenter
- Katherine Chu
- Arangh Clark
- Bobby Cochrane
- Shannon Cochrane
- Beverly Coe
- Kathleene Davis
- Tanel Derabi
- Haleigh Dillender
- Kerry Dowd
- Sheryl Eddie
- Michelle Edwardson
- Mickie Edwardson
- Bill Escue
- Jessica Farfan
- Phillis Filer
- Marion Freund
- Cami Gehrke
- Lauren Gilman
- Liana Glanville

- Katy Harris
- Odette Hinson
- Aliya Hunter
- Terri Hutchinson
- Jessica Hutchinson
- Doris Ann Imler
- Matthew Ingelsent
- Patrick Irby
- Susan Iserhardt
- Selena Jagnaribe
- Jennifer Jeske
- Jewel Jones
- Ryan Joo
- Iza Jordan
- Sabina Joseph
- Janice Kahler
- Forrest Kahler
- Sharon Ketts
- Bob Kidd
- Michelle King

- Stefanelli Knowles
- Priya Kumbhojkar
- Karen Kutyna
- Tomiko Kutyna
- Adurey Larcon
- Ann LeZotte
- Hui Ying Li
- Zhaoyuan Li
- Shannon Liu
- Lisa Lu
- Todd Mack
- Ricardo Manning
- Susan Mantosh
- Caitin Martin
- Laurie May
- Katie McCabe
- Amanda McIntosh
- Laura McIntosh
- Caryl McKellar
- Deandra McKoy

- Hannah Meckstroth
- Betsy Mendez
- Russ Milner
- MaryLynne Morre
- Sarah Motl
- Melissa Muro
- Sivan N.
- Kara Nesser
- Jo O'Neil
- Yoana Ortega
- Leanna Parasram
- Jill Parent
- Gayle Perry
- Michelle Perry
- Ann Pierson
- Alyssa Pollock
- Carissa Popson
- Melissa Puig
- Lindsay Raub
- Yvonne Rawls

- Ruth Raymer
- Todd Rivas
- Ciara Rodgers
- Delaney Rua
- Amy Rudman
- Sanna Saare
- Heather Sayeski
- Mary Scarborough
- Kimberly Schwenk
- Sarah Seeger
- Sonia Shah
- Natasha Shaikh
- Krissie Shutt
- Heather Sostrom
- Lindsey Steffen
- Lauren Stump
- Jennifer Tegash
- Sonia Tergas
- Micaela Thomas
- Destanni Triplett

- Jessica Tucker
- Karol Tumalak
- Gylianne Tyndall
- Jackie Urbay
- Dolores Utlely
- Kathy Valdes
- Ashley Walker
- Betsy Weaver
- Jeanne Weismantel
- Eula Williams
- Lorraine Williams
- Donna Witt
- Rosa Woodward
- Allyson Zant
- Peggy Zant
- Andy Zhong
- Minjia Zhong

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