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## **Harford County Public Library hosts spelling bee at Farm Fair**

Harford County Public Library hosted its Literacy Spelling Bee at the 38th annual Harford County Farm Fair, crowning winners.

The competition was held in seven categories, from kindergarten to adults, with the winners receiving ribbons.

“The Annual Literacy Spelling Bee is an exciting combination of spelling, learning and the library,” said the chief executive officer of Harford County Public Library, Mary Hastler. “It is a thrill each year to see the enthusiasm of the participants as they take the floor and eagerly await each new word to be spelled. The library holds many events each summer and this is one of my favorites.”

The top three library Spelling Bee winners in each category were:

Up to Kindergarten: first place – Addy Ryan

Entering grades 1-2: first place – Laney Lail; second place – Benjamin Palad; third place (tie) – Austin Thompson and Aardarsh Krishna

Entering grades 3-4: first place – Rithin Diawakar; second place – Grace Holloway

Entering grades 5-6: first place – Watson Fargus; second place – Aaron Lightfoot; third place – Rylee Brown

Entering grades 7-8: first place – Brooke Turek; second place – Elyse Taliercio; third place – Timothy Taliercio

Entering grades 9-12: first place – Adrian Pitt; second place – Sydney Urand; third place – Sarah Urand

Adults: first place – Leah Amin; second place – Timothy Fargus; third place – Chelsea Carr

This year marked the 28th year the library has hosted the spelling bee, with nearly 200 people in attendance.

All participants received free books and other giveaway items from the library.

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