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TEENS SHOW OFF BIG-SCREEN TALENT IN FILM THIS! BOOK TRAILERS CONTEST

(Belcamp, Maryland – March 26, 2015) Budding teen filmmakers and their families strolled down the red carpet to attend the Film This! Book Trailers Contest premiere at Harford County Public Library's Abingdon Branch on Friday, March 13th.

Now in its third year, the Film This! contest challenged students in middle and high school to create a film promoting their favorite book. Participants submitted 29 films ranging from hand-drawn, stop-motion productions to live-action scenes with special effects.

"We were absolutely amazed by the quality of the entries we received this year for the Film This! contest," said Tracy Miller, assistant branch manager at the Havre de Grace Library and a lead organizer of the event. "It was wonderful to see the teens using their artistic and technological skills to promote their favorite books."

Select Library staff judges chose the winning submissions based on the criteria of creativity, images, audio and music, content, and level of interest created in the book. Skyler Soriano took first place for her trailer for *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl. Coming in second was Connor Meeks and his team for their trailer for Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*. Led by Brayden Piccolo-Klein, the team behind the trailer for *Night* by Elie Wiesel earned both third place and the People's Choice Award, voted on by members of the audience.

Film trailers from the 2015 contest and past contests can be viewed by searching "HCPL Film This!" on YouTube. Information about Film This! can be found on the Library's website at hcplonline.org/filmthis.html.

Harford County Public Library operates 11 branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The Library serves over 191,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 4.1 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

Photo caption #1: Skyler Soriano's trailer for Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach won first place in the Film This! Book Trailers Contest premiere at the Abingdon Library on March 13th. Soriano poses with Mary Hastler, CEO of Harford County Public Library.

Photo caption #2: Connor Meeks and his team's trailer for Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas won second place in the Film This! Book Trailers Contest premiere at the Abingdon Library on March 13th.

Photo caption #3: Brayden Piccolo-Klein and his team's trailer for Elie Wiesel's Night won third place and the People's Choice Award in the Film This! Book Trailers Contest premiere at the Abingdon Library on March 13th.

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