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

(Belcamp, Maryland – March 14, 2016) The red carpet was rolled out at the Abingdon Library for budding teen filmmakers and their families attending the 5th annual *Film This! Book Trailers Contest Premiere* on Friday, March 11th.

The contest, sponsored by the Friends of Harford County Public Library and assisted by support from the Maryland State Arts Council and Harford County Public Library through Harford County Cultural Arts Board, challenged students in middle and high school to create a film promoting their favorite book. The number of entries submitted for 2016 more than doubled compared to last year, with the 79 films ranging from hand-drawn, stop-motion productions to live-action scenes with special effects.

"It's thrilling to have such a large number of teens participate in this year's *Film This! Contest*," said Bill Amos, teen services librarian at the Abingdon Library and a lead organizer of the event. "Watching all of the book trailers was such an enjoyable experience and it's exciting to see so many people of all ages here for tonight's Premiere."

Judges chose the winning submissions based on the criteria of creativity, images, audio and music, content, and level of interest created in the book. Allison and Grace Dietz took first place for their trailer for *Son*. Fallston High School Film Club's entry for *The Wave* earned both second place and the People's Choice Award, which was

voted on by members of the audience. Third place was awarded to Emma Bowditch for Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*.

Film trailers from the 2016 contest, along with previous year's, 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 eleven branches located throughout Harford County, Maryland. The library serves over 181,000 registered borrowers of all ages and has an annual circulation of over 3.8 million. Harford County Public Library is committed to connecting people with information and promoting the love of reading within the community.

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Photo caption #1: Allison and Grace Dietz's trailer for Son by Lois Lowry won first place at the Film This! Book Trailers Contest Premiere at the Abingdon Library on March 11th. The sisters pose with Harford County Public Library librarians.

Photo caption #2: Second place and the People's Choice Award went to Fallston High School Film Club and their trailer for Todd Strasser's The Wave at the Film This! Book Trailers Contest Premiere at the Abingdon Library on March 11th. The group poses with Harford County Public Library librarians.