

News from Mardigian Library: Save the date for 5th Annual Young Authors' Festival and Metro Read

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2016 Young Authors' Festival writing contest winners

Mark your calendars for the 5th Annual Young Authors' Festival

The 5th Annual Young Authors' Festival, a collaboration between the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Mardigian Library and the College of Education, Health, and Human Services, gives Michigan children in grades 3-5 a fun way to focus on writing. Festivities kick off in September with a writing contest that any third-, fourth- or fifth-grade student can enter with a short piece of prose or poetry. This year, the contest entries will respond to the theme of "Standing Up for What You Believe In," and entries will be due Oct. 13.

The free Young Authors' Festival, held Nov. 11 at the Mardigian Library, features a half-day of programming. Participants will meet with Michigan writers and illustrators from Michigan and attend fun breakout sessions focused on writing that are led by elementary education students. Parents and teachers in attendance will get lessons from local literacy experts about supporting and encouraging student literacy. After awards for the writing contest are presented, the special guest authors will hold a book signing. This year the featured guests are author and illustrator duo Kristen Remenar and Matt Faulkner, who will talk about the creation of their recent picture book, *Groundhog's Dilemma*. Breakout sessions require registration, which is available through the Young Authors' Festival website beginning Oct. 16.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of Little Golden Books, the beloved picture books for children. The Young Authors' Festival will expand to host an exhibition of original art from Little Golden Books in collaboration with the Berkowitz Gallery in the Mardigian Library. The Young Authors' Festival will offer an additional special program—Family Afternoon in the Gallery—for children in kindergarten to grade 2 and their families on Nov. 11 from 1-4 p.m. This free drop-in event will include arts and crafts, readings of Little Golden Books by special guests, giveaways, the opportunity to look at the artwork and light refreshments.

To find out more about the Young Authors' Festival writing contest, the Young Authors' Festival or the Family Afternoon in the Gallery, please visit: library.umd.umich.edu/yaf.