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## State Library Announces 2018 Young Minds Dreaming Poetry Contest Winners

# Young Minds Dreaming

In support of National Poetry Month, the South Carolina State Library is pleased to announce the nine winners in this year's Young Minds Dreaming poetry contest. These outstanding students will be honored at the South Carolina State Library in Columbia at an award ceremony on Saturday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Winners and their families are invited to attend the awards ceremony where each student will read their poem and meet the poet and author [Kwame Alexander](#). Each student will also receive a signed copy of his book, *Out of Wonder*, and a special award.

The public is invited to the afternoon presentation by Kwame Alexander which begins at 5:00 p.m. [Tickets are available online at Eventbrite.](#)

Here are our 2018 winners:

## Level One - Elementary

- First Place - Kalila O'Quinn, Chukker Creek Elementary, Aiken
- Second Place - Flynn Jeffcoat, Midway Elementary School, Lexington
- Third Place - Sarah Drury, Cross Schools, Bluffton

## Level Two - Middle

- First Place - Seneca Russell, Oakridge Middle School, York
- Second Place - Cassie Drew, Northside Middle School, West Columbia
- Third Place - Zoe Boslet, Alice Drive Middle School, Sumter

## Level Three - High

- First Place - Kozbi Bayne, Mauldin High School, Greenville
- Second Place - Teddy Friedline, Fine Arts Center, Greenville
- Third Place - Zymesha Nash, James F. Byrnes Freshman Academy, Duncan

For more information, please contact Ashley Till, Statewide Services Manager at [atill@statelibrary.sc.gov](mailto:atill@statelibrary.sc.gov).

## SC Libraries

### Read-In 2018 to be Held April 12:

This annual event, sponsored by the South Carolina Association of School Librarians and the South Carolina State Library, lets students show why kids who read succeed. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite book to read on the State House grounds after the event and some even dress as their favorite literary character. For more information on this event, [visit our website](#).

### Public Libraries Can Apply for 'The Great American Read' Grants:

Public libraries may apply for grants to host public programs around the PBS series "The Great American Read," an eight-part television and online series designed to spark a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved, and shaped us. Fifty U.S. public libraries will be selected through a competitive application process to receive a cash grant to support programs and events related to "The Great American Read." For more information on this grant, [visit our website](#).

## State Employees

## **The SC State Library is Hiring:**

The SC State Library is seeking candidates for the [Procurement Officer](#) and [Network Administrator](#) positions.

## **New SC State Government Documents:**

[The South Carolina Digital State Documents Depository](#) provides access to publications produced by state agencies and state-supported academic institutions. This month we highlight the [South Carolina Department of Natural Resources' guide to the Emerald Ash Borer in South Carolina](#). This booklet describes the emerald ash borer, its destructive spread and habits, and photos of infestation and damage caused by this beetle pest.

## **SC Residents**

### **Check Out Our New StudySC Website:**

The SC State Library is pleased to announce the launch of the new and improved [StudySC website](#)! StudySC is loaded with South Carolina-specific web resources for K-12 homework help, projects, and more. StudySC also provides teachers with ideas for lesson plans and other content to support classroom activities.

### **SC Center for the Book:**

Join us for our next author talk and book signing: *View from the Middle of the Road* by Lucinda Clark at noon on April 26. *View from the Middle of the Road* deals with the many aspects we encounter on this journey called life. The author takes on issues of gender, race, adolescence, and maturity, showing that no matter where you start in life you can and will find peace. Speaker @ the Center is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. We ask that you [register to ensure a seat](#).

## **From Our Collection**

### **Do You Know Where Your State Documents Are?**



At the [2017 Notable State Documents Awards Ceremony](#), held at the South Carolina State Library on March 14, we recognized some of the best publications produced by state government agencies in the past year. Many people are curious about state documents. Following are some of the most frequent questions we receive, and explanations of why these documents are vital to the mission of the State Library and important to the residents of South Carolina.

### **What are state documents?**

For the purpose of the State Library, documents are defined, in short, as publications in print or electronic format produced by state agencies or officials which are intended for public use or general distribution. State government documents include annual reports, agency newsletters, maps, research papers, books, public university catalogs, pamphlets, and many other items.

Our role is directed by [South Carolina Code of Laws 60-2-10](#). This role includes the responsibility to collect, organize, and retain these publications for state government employees, agencies, legislators, and the public. We are the official state depository of all state publications, but also provide eleven depository system libraries across the state, and the Library of Congress, with copies of selected materials.

### **How do we obtain state documents?**

We use a combination of methods to obtain state documents. Agencies routinely, or upon request, provide us with documents produced in print or electronic (usually PDF) format. We order documents and obtain them from the state legislature. We also search agency websites, take note of and acquire documents mentioned in news reports and articles, and subscribe to agency e-mail lists for notification of recent publications.

### **Why do we collect them? What purpose do old publications serve?**

The most basic reasons for identifying, acquiring, preserving, and making available state documents is the belief in the importance of a knowledgeable citizenry, and the need to meet the information needs of governmental bodies and officials, other libraries, and the general public. Our documents collection is used for research, statistics gathering, consumer assistance, and regulatory information. Documents provide the public with information about state programs and services, and reflect the activities of state agencies. Our collection is essential for both historical and current information needs.

### **How can state documents be found?**

South Carolina State Library has collections of both physical and digital state documents. Our physical collection can be searched through the [SCLENDS](#) catalog, while our digital collection can be found in the [South Carolina State Documents Depository](#). Documents found in SCLENDS may contain a link in the catalog record which will provide the electronic version of that document. Some state publications in our collection may be checked out if multiple copies are available. We also have a helpful South Carolina State Documents Depository subject guide which can be found [here](#). As always, feel free to come by the State Library or [contact us](#) if you have any questions.

So, do you know where your state documents are? They're here, at the South Carolina State Library!

Sheila Dorsey  
Collections Librarian



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