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Ohioana Announces Robert Fox Award for Young Writers Winners

Columbus, OH – April 22, 2008—The Ohioana Library Association is pleased to announce the 2008 Ohioana Robert Fox Award for Young Writers winners. The award is named in memory of Robert Fox (1943 – 2005), a former Ohioana Board member, writer, and poet who spent his professional life creating a nurturing environment for Ohio’s writers. Ohio students in grades 9 - 12 are eligible to submit entries of either poetry or prose for the award. Three members of the Ohio Teachers of English Language Arts served as judges for the contest. A first, second, and third place award is given in each category.

The Fox Awards will be presented by Ohio First Lady Frances Strickland during the opening ceremony of the second annual Ohioana Book Festival: Celebrating Ohio’s Authors. “On a day when Ohioana is celebrating Ohio’s authors – it is most appropriate that we recognize young writers who we hope will some day be with us as a nationally recognized author,” said Linda Hengst, Ohioana’s Executive Director.

The Ohioana Robert Fox Award for Young Writers winners are:

Prose:

1st Place: Kelsey Owen, 12th grade, of Canfield High School in Canfield, OH. Sponsoring teacher: Colleen Ruggieri.

2nd Place: Caroline Mundhenk, 11th grade, of Miami Valley Career Tech Center in Clayton, OH. Sponsoring teacher: Sandy Hartley.

3rd Place: Lauren Fekete, 12th grade, of Canfield High School in Canfield, OH. Sponsoring teacher: Colleen Ruggieri.

Poetry:

1st Place: Sarah Konz, 10th grade, of Edgewood High School in Trenton, OH. Sponsoring teacher: Katrina Fugate.

2nd Place: Narine Wandrey, 10th grade, of Kenston High School in Chagrin Falls, OH. Sponsoring teacher: Anthony Marchesi.

3rd Place: Ashley Luehrman, 10th grade, of Athens High School in The Plains, OH. Sponsoring teacher: Anne Kemmerle.

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