



Adopt-A-Library Literacy Program

Fighting crime one book at a time

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WOW! READING CHALLENGE ANNOUNCES 2012 WINNERS: book by book and page by page the outstanding championship readers are...

Schools in Cape Breton, Pictou County, Liverpool, Amherst and Indian Brook are the big winners in this year's WOW! Reading Challenge.

The Wow! Reading Challenge is an annual Literacy competition for schools that begins each year in November and closes in April. Schools at the elementary division record the number of books students have read, while schools at the Junior High Level record the number of pages students have read.

The Top 3 schools in each division receive a Banner to recognize their accomplishment and in addition, the First Place schools will have their names engraved on the grand World Literacy Championship Trophy.

RCMP Constable John Kennedy, the Coordinator and developer of this program is pleased with this year's program. "We had 112 schools compete, and from as far away as South Africa. These schools comprised over 21,000 students and they read a combined total of over 1, 056,000 books during the competition."

The winning schools are as follows:

Elementary Division: Fiddlers Division – Salt Springs Elementary School
Tartan Division - Dr. John C. Wickwire Elementary School

Junior High Division: Fiddlers Division – River John Junior High School
Tartan Division - Sydney Mines Junior High School

First Nations Division: Wekoqmaq Mikmaq Junior High School
Lnu Sipuk Kina Muokuom Elementary School

Ombudsman's Division: Comhla Cruinn Community Facility

Justice Division: Amherst Adult High School

Special Needs Division: Kings Regional Rehabilitation Center.

Past Champion Category: Walter Duggan Elementary School
Bridgeport Junior High School
Membertou First Nations Elementary School

New this year, individual county winners from across Nova Scotia were also presented with banners, and several schools received special recognition for their outstanding efforts towards literacy - these included: Tatamagouche Elementary School, South Centennial Elementary School, Wentworth Elementary School, Donkin-Gowrie Elementary School, Sherwood Park Elementary School and the Sheshatshiu Innu Elementary School.

The award for the largest participating school went to Johannesburg South Africa.

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