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WGTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 2009 READING RAINBOW YOUNG WRITERS AND ILLUSTRATORS CONTEST

Toledo, OH –WGTE Public Media proudly announces the winners of the 15th Annual *Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest*. Over 200 children from the WGTE TV viewing area wrote and illustrated storybooks.

The *Reading Rainbow Young Writers and Illustrators Contest* was open to children in kindergarten, first, second and third grades. Each grade level was judged separately by a panel of educators, and entries were judged on originality, creative expression, storytelling and integration of text and illustrations.

The 2009 roster of winners includes:

KINDERGARTEN

First Place:	Zachary Fogel, Findlay, OH
Second Place:	Kathryn Sterns, Petersburg, MI
Third Place:	Keaton Rath, Findlay, OH

FIRST GRADE

First Place:	Phoebe Jackson, Elmore, OH
Second Place:	Olivia Thomas, Perrysburg, OH
Third Place:	Alexis Sarvo, Swanton, OH

SECOND GRADE

First Place:	Olivia Hennessey, Edgerton, OH
Second Place:	Julia Schrameck, Toledo, OH
Third Place:	Elizabeth Ghareeb, Temperance, MI

THIRD GRADE

First Place:	Logan Kempf, Mount Cory, OH
Second Place:	Catherine Lowe, Luckey, OH
Third Place:	Owen Rath, Findlay, OH

WGTE Public Media will hold a celebration party at our studios on Saturday, June 13 honoring all of the winners and entrants of the 2009 contest. All entrants will receive a certificate of recognition signed by series host LeVar Burton. The first place winners in each grade level will be sent on to the national contest. National winners will be announced in June.

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