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SJCPL, 1st Source Announce Bookmark Contest Winners

South Bend—The St. Joseph County Public Library and 1st Source Bank announce the winners in their annual Create-a-Bookmark contest.

The contest, which was open to any child in grades 1 through 8, encourages students to read a book and create a bookmark that tells about that book. Children were to depict a scene from the story, draw a character or characters, or provide any other illustration that shows what made the book special and magical for them.

Prizes were awarded in three categories: Grades 1–3; 4–6; and 7–8. The first-place winner in each division received a \$100.00 savings bond from 1st Source and printed copies of their bookmarks, and each second- and third-place finisher received a \$50.00 savings bond, also from 1st Source, as well as printed copies of their bookmarks. Five honorable mention winners in each age group received special participation prizes. The winners were recognized at a special awards ceremony held Tuesday, July 10, at the Main Library, 304 South Main Street in downtown South Bend.

First- through third-place winners, their hometowns, and the books they read, are:

Grades 1–3:

1st: Mark Borkowski, South Bend—*Pirate Pete's Giant Adventure*
2nd: Caroline O'Callaghan, Granger—*Charlotte's Web*
3rd: Dimitri Napoleon, Granger—*Trouble at the Dinosaur Cafe*

Grades 4–6:

1st: Irvin Rozenblit, South Bend—*The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy*
2nd: Tom Eleff, South Bend—*Flyte*
3rd: Alan Rozenblit, South Bend—*The Goose That Laid the Golden Egg and Other Fables*

Grades 7–8:

1st: Ava Ambrose Tomasula y Garcia, South Bend—*Mortal Engines*
2nd: Gabriel Rozenblit, South Bend—*The Lion & the Mouse and Other Fables*
3rd: Liam Cawley, South Bend—*The Lord of the Rings*

One thousand of each of these winners' bookmarks have been printed and will be available at the branches of the St. Joseph County Public Library and select branches of 1st Source Bank. Poster-size versions of all winning bookmarks (first place through honorable mention) will be on display at SJCP's Main Library in downtown South Bend through the end of July.

Judges for the contest—the 15th annual—were Elizabeth Morrison and Kim Soucie of 1st Source and Joni Patterson of SJCP.

1st Source Corporation, parent company of 1st Source Bank, has assets of \$4.4 billion, and has distinguished itself with innovative products and highly personalized service. Its stock is publicly traded in the National Market system on Nasdaq under "SRCE." With a total of 94 banking centers in 17 counties, 1st Source Bank is the largest locally controlled financial institution headquartered in the northern Indiana-southwestern Michigan area. Since 1863, 1st Source Bank has been committed to the success of the communities it serves.

The St. Joseph County Public Library, founded in 1888, is located at 304 South Main Street, South Bend, and has eight branches and a Readmobile serving the residents of St. Joseph County. For more information, visit our website at www.libraryforlife.org.