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### **Library Essay Contest Open to Local Students**

Local students are invited to write an essay on the subject, “What the Library Means to Me.” The contest, presented by the Milpitas Library Advisory Commission and the Milpitas Public Library, is in honor of National Library Week, which this year is April 10 – 16. The contest is open to students in grades four through twelve who are enrolled in either a public or private school in the city. Cash prizes of \$400, \$250, and \$150 will be awarded to the top three essays in each of the three categories: grades 4 – 6, grades 7 – 8 and grades 9 – 12.

The contest is designed to bring attention to the library as a community resource that is open to all, and to celebrate all of the various ways that it touches the lives of those who use it.

Each essay must be at least five paragraphs in length, with at least five sentences in each paragraph. The deadline for submission is Monday, March 21, 2011. Entry forms may be picked up at either the children’s help desk or at the adult information desk at the library. Winners will be awarded their prizes on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. in the library auditorium.

For more information, call the library at 408-262-1171 ext. 3616 or ext. 3624.