

## Milpitas Library Writing Contest - 2015

November 25 – December 13

### Proposal:

Pair this event with the Human Origins Traveling Exhibit that will be in the library from November 25th – December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cross-promotion will benefit both events – more submissions for the essay contest and more visitors to the library to visit the exhibit. Open to students enrolled in Milpitas Unified School District schools, enrolled in a private school in Milpitas, or homeschooled Milpitas residents. There will be three groups of contestants: grades 4-6, 7-8, and 9-12.

**Essay Topic:** What does it mean to be human?

**Question:** After having visited the exhibit at the Milpitas Library, contestants would write essays.

**Details:** Rather than hold 1 day event, allow patrons time to view the exhibit and submit within a deadline. Prizes, to be determined, funded by the city

### Timeline:

September 1-21 -	Create publicity
September 21 –	Present publicity to Commission; revise as needed
October 1 –	Finalize publicity details
October 21 -	Announce the contest
November 25 –	Contest officially begins with opening of exhibit
December 13 –	Entries are due.
December 14-16 -	Judging – need commitment
December 18/19/20 –	Reveal winners in ceremony/closing event (invite mayor to present prizes)

### Budget Request:

Prizes: \$3200

Prize allocation yet to be determined.