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Cupertino Library Foundation Sponsors Technological Advances Contest
CUSD middle-schoolers reap benefits of library online databases

JUNE 2, 2013 -- CUPERTINO, CA—The Cupertino Library Foundation (CLF), and Cupertino Library, a member of the Santa Clara County Library District, have again partnered with the Cupertino Union School District (CUSD) to introduce middle-school students to the Library's online databases.

The S³-Super Science Searches 2013 Summer Contest runs from June 15, through the Awards Ceremony that will occur August 16, 6:30-8pm at the Cupertino Library. The contest is open to all outgoing 6th-8th grade students in the Cupertino Union School District. All submissions are due by August 1, 2013.

"We expect even more teams to get involved this year," said Bev Lenihan, Cupertino Library Foundation board member and project manager. "We encourage teams to work together on the project described on our foundation website. Much of the effort of the teen Library staff these past two years has been assisting students and teachers in getting library cards and learning more about the available databases."

This year's project to be addressed by the applicants involves addressing the advantages and disadvantages of recent technological advances. Each applicant/team will also furnish ten questions they would want to ask someone who thinks she or he has the next best technological advance. A judging panel of teens and adults will review all submissions and decide first, second and third place.

The first place team wins up to three iPad minis (one per team member); the second place team wins \$100 each for up to four participants; the third place team wins \$50 each for up to four participants. Awards will be given at a reception August 16th.

"We anticipate some thought-provoking student-generated research resulting in detailed papers, demonstrations and presentations," said teen librarian Matthew Lorenzo. Learning to express ideas effectively is one of the key outcomes desired. Postings of journal entries, research citings, and presentations will be made via online postings to LiveBinders.com.

To organize this year's contest effort, the Cupertino Library Foundation board again committed sufficient financial and volunteer resources. Project manager, Bev Lenihan, brought together an Ad Hoc committee consisting of one of last year's winners, Elizabeth Wang; a member of the Library Teen Advisory Board, Ardak Askhatova; two volunteers, Nikita Devdhar and Rehan Ahmed; and Keith Kitchen, president of the Board of CEEF (Cupertino Educational Endowment Foundation); and Mary Enright, Science Teacher at Cupertino Middle School. Jeremy Nishihara, Community Relations manager for CUSD has facilitated the communication process.

For further information on the 2013 Summer Contest or to participate go to:

www.cupertinolibraryfoundation.org

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