



## North Carolina Reading Association

**SCCS** participated in the North Carolina Reading Association yearly writing contest for students in K-12 grades. Winners in each county are awarded certificates and a copy of the county book which contains their story. The top scoring winners from each county are also selected to go to the state level competition. The theme for the Young Authors' Project was "Show Your Strength." Young Authors were encouraged to write about their personal experiences with perseverance; how they have overcome obstacles; how they found strength in a time of weakness; and/or what inspired them to rise above a particular challenge. Authors could write prose or poetry, fiction or non-fiction. Moore County had over 600 entries in November with 100 state level qualifying authors. The **Moore County** awards ceremony is in the spring at Sandhills Community College. There is a separate awards ceremony in Raleigh with medals, book etc for the winners at the state level. Currently we know of **three SCCS county level winners and they had enough points to be eligible for the state level!** Good luck with the state level competition in January! Congratulations go to;

Chelsea Martin, 8th grade, Mrs. Hobbs  
John Sebastain, 8th grade, Mrs. Hobbs  
Gabby Hooper, 5th grade, Mrs. Brown

So far, in addition to these three, we know Mrs. Conely (12th) and Ms. Whitecotton (6th) also had winners at the county level! Stay tuned in for the announcement of more names!

**SCCS students** will have another optional opportunity to participate in a writing contest. The Weymouth Center's 2018 Moore County Writers' Competition is coming up this spring! There are many categories available (age, prose or poetry, fiction or non-fiction) and each will offer cash prizes! Winners will also receive a book of their stories.



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