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**Heroes Wanted: Youth Stories and Artwork Sought  
for Library's "Every Hero Has a Story" Contest**

Waco, Texas (February 23, 2015) – The Waco-McLennan County Library is seeking heroes of all kinds, and has launched a fun, creative way to find them – the “Every Hero Has a Story” Art and Writing Contest.

In preparation for the hero-themed Summer Reading Club, librarians are asking area kids ages five to seventeen to create an original piece of art or write a story or essay about their heroes. Whether they wear capes, masks, combat boots, hospital scrubs, or sweat pants, all heroes are welcome!

To participate, contestants must be McLennan County residents between the ages of 5 and 17, and must submit entries no later than March 20th. Participants can submit separate entries for either category (or both) by bringing them to any of the four library locations by March 20th.

There are three age divisions in the contest: 5-8 years, 9-12 years, and 13-17 years. Winners in each age group will be announced on April 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Central Library (1717 Austin Ave.) and will be posted on the Library website, on Facebook and in other Library publications.

The youth artwork will be on display at all four Waco Public Library locations. Winners will be selected based on their adherence to the theme “Every Hero Has a Story,” and on their creative, artistic merit. First prize art and writing contest winners will receive a \$25.00 Gift Certificate. First, second, and third place winners will receive a ribbon. All participants will receive a certificate.

Contest rules and details are available on the library's website at [www.wacolibrary.org](http://www.wacolibrary.org), or for more information, call 750-5944.

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