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Graphic Novel Contest for Teens Deadlines May 8, 2009

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Youth between the ages of 12 and 19 are invited to create a graphic novel, up to 10 pages in length using letter-size paper, to enter in a contest for prizes sponsored by San José Public Library Youth Services. Each submission must be the creative and original work of a single individual. Submissions may be dropped off at any San Jose neighborhood branch library; limit one entry per contestant. To be eligible, entries must be received no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2009.

Entries will be judged by a panel of library staff and community volunteers, based on the content and illustrations. Winners will be notified by May 29.

Four prizes will be awarded as follows:

- First prize - \$100 gift card
- Second prize - \$75
- Third prize - \$50
- Fourth prize - \$25

In addition, up to 50 copies of the winner's book will be reproduced in black and white, and distributed free or charge. One copy per person may be picked up at the following branch libraries, while supplies last: Almaden, Berryessa, Cambrian, Calabazas, Cruz – Alum Rock, Evergreen, Hillview, Joyce Ellington, King Library, Pearl Avenue, Tully Community and West Valley. For information, call (408) 808-3030.

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