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July 11, 2011

Neel Parikh
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Dear Ms. Parikh:

We are pleased to inform you of the success of the Pierce County Library System's 2011 Supporting Student Success grant application. We have approved the review committee's recommendation to award the Lakewood Library project \$7,500 in Library Services and Technology Act funds. As a sub-grantee, a grant agreement contract will be sent to you for review and signature by the end of August 2011.

The Office of Secretary of State, Washington State Library, is funding this grant on a reimbursement basis upon receipt of claim forms with supporting evidence of expenditures made or materials and equipment received. **Please note: costs incurred before the execution date of the contract are not reimbursable.** The contract period for this project will be from the date of contract execution, not exceeding August 12, 2012.

Again, congratulations on your successful application. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Yarbrough, LSTA Grants Manager, at 360.704.5246 or by email at anne.yarbrough@sos.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

SAM REED
Secretary of State

RAND SIMMONS
Acting State Librarian

cc: Meredith Hale, Teen Services Librarian, Lakewood Library

Date: August 1, 2011
To: Neel Parikh, PCLS Board of Trustees
From: Judy T Nelson
Subject: Our Own Expressions

After fifteen years of hosting the Our Own Expressions, (formerly Our Own Words) contest for teens the number of award winners is impressive. Each year the Youth Services Our Own Expressions team and the PCL Foundation reach out to former winners to ask about the impact winning this contest may have had on their lives. We have had limited success in connecting with former winners.

This year was very different. Unbeknownst to us, one of current final judges, Kevin Miller, was a former Language Arts teacher at Gig Harbor High School in the 1990's. In the early years of the contest Gig Harbor High School produced many poetry winners. Mr. Miller stayed connected with his student winners. This summer, one of his former students, a 1999 winner by the name of Courtney Caughran Winkfield emailed us with her story. Lynne Hoffman, Foundation Director, has reached out to her to request an interview for the Foundation's newsletter. The Our Own Expressions team is working with Mr. Miller to identify other possible student winners with a story to share.

Attached is the email from Courtney Winkfield and her winning poem.

Neel Parikh

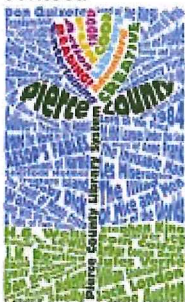
From: Mary Getchell
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 10:47 AM
To: Kit Thompson; Jami Schwarzwald; _Leadership Team
Cc: Amanda Calhoun
Subject: clip: TNT-8/1/2011-card design contest

TNT Blog

Teen designs new library card

Posted By [Debbie Cafazzo](#) on August 1, 2011 at 10:30 am [Share this](#)

White River High School student Dillon Hadaway, 14, is the winner of the Pierce County Library System's teen library card design contest.



His design will appear on more than 10,000 new library cards starting Oct. 1, when the Library System launches its fifth annual card drive. The cards are free.

A total of 138 teen artists from Pierce County participated in the card competition.

Hadaway's winning artwork features a vibrantly colored retro design that crafts together library words, book titles and authors to form a mosaic floral design. He created the computer-generated artwork in Adobe Photoshop as a graphic design project in a school art class with teacher Nick Cochran.

Read more: <http://blog.thenewstribune.com/street/#ixzz1TngBbely>

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