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Photo, Video, and Interview Opportunity

Local youth aged 9-17 win publication in the 10th anniversary edition of *pot-pourri*

The Friends of the Ottawa Public Library Association (FOPLA) is pleased to announce the publication of the tenth-anniversary edition of *pot-pourri*, an anthology of original written work by the winners of the Ottawa Public Library's (OPL) 2016 Awesome Authors youth-writing contest.

OPL's annual Awesome Authors youth-writing contest invites Ottawa youth to submit original short stories and works of poetry in both official languages. This year's winners were announced in March, and included 60 talented youth between the ages of 9-17 from across the national capital region.

FOPLA has published *pot-pourri* since 2007, and sponsors the Awesome Authors youth-writing contest as part of their commitment to support the Ottawa Public Library's programming and services. FOPLA also holds an event each year to launch the anthology, where winning authors will be presented with a copy of *pot-pourri* to commemorate their achievement in front of family and friends.

This year's event will be held on **Wednesday, October 26th, 2016** in the Auditorium of the Main Library (120 Metcalfe Street) between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Guests will be treated to excerpts from a selection of winning authors in both official languages, and the winning cover design for this year's anthology will also be revealed.

Members of the media who wish to attend the event are welcome, and are asked to please RSVP no later than October 21st to fopla@bibliooottawalibrary.ca or by calling (613) 580-2424 ext. 14383.

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About the Friends of the Ottawa Public Library Association

The Friends of the Ottawa Public Library Association is a registered charity that advocates for literacy in Ottawa by raising funds in support of the Ottawa Public Library. Through the sale of donated books, FOPLA has gifted more than \$1,000,000 to OPL over the past four years for programs and services not covered by the municipal budget. More than 300 dedicated volunteers support FOPLA in a variety of roles. For more information on FOPLA, please visit www.ottawapubliclibraryfriends.ca.

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