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**Press Release**

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## Public Library Announces Winners of Its Rufus the Reading Dog Coloring on Kidspace Website

Hundreds of kids got out their colored pencils, markers, and crayons to enter the Rufus the Reading Dog Coloring Contest! The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County invited kids to celebrate its new and improved Kidspace website by giving Rufus, the Library's mascot, a new and improved look!

A first, second, and third place winner, as well as two honorable mentions, were chosen from the entries submitted for each age group (5 & under; Ages 6 to 9; and Ages 10 - 12). In addition, the Library created a special category called Rufus' Fashion Show to showcase some of the ways kids outfitted big, furry, Library-lovin' Rufus in costumes and clothes.

Each winner received a prize pack that included his or her very own miniature, plush Rufus Runt. All of the winning entries are available for view on <http://Kidspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org/>. Designed specifically to serve the needs and interests of younger customers, the website's colorful, easy-to-follow design invites kids to be a part of the online Library experience where they can ...

- Watch animated versions of well-known books like *Where the Wild Things Are* and *So You Want to Be President?* with *Scholastic BookFLIX*.
- Read or listen to animated talking picture books with *Tumble Books*.
- Customize the look with four interchangeable color palettes.
- Submit a book review.
- Tell us about books they'd like to see on the Library's shelves, and even send us jokes!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit <http://Kidspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org/>.



**Benjamin Miller of Westwood, a nine-year old student at Dater Montessori, is a first place winner in the Rufus the Reading Dog Coloring Contest.**

## **And the Winners of the Rufus the Reading Dog Coloring Contest Are ...**

### **Ages 5 and under**

Sage Bushstone, age 3, of Loveland first place

Paige Schaber of Greenhills, a five-year old student at Winton Woods Primary North, second place

Jennavieve Harvey, a five-year old student at Springmyer Elementary in Green Township, honorable mention

Grace Leuenberger, age 5, of Hyde Park honorable mention

Chai Lee Risma, age 4, a Groesbeck Branch Library customer, third place

### **Ages 6-to-9**

Benjamin Miller of Westwood, a nine-year old student at Dater Montessori, first place

Jackson Gargano, a six-year old student at Miami Heights Elementary in Cleves, second place

Zion Wale of Westwood, age 9, third place

Lanie Berlage, a nine-year old student at St. Vincent Ferrer School in Kenwood, honorable mention

Jaden Gamble of Westwood, a nine-year old student at Dater Montessori, honorable mention

### **Ages 10-to-12**

Tiger (Tianyang Lei), a 10-year old student at the Academy of World Languages, first place

Erin Glossop, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at St. Columban School in Loveland, second place

Kelly Molloy, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Wilson Elementary School in Anderson Township, third place

Rose Dryer, a 12-year old student at Amity Elementary in Deer Park, honorable mention

Brandon Sullivan, a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Jane Hoop Elementary in Mt. Healthy, received honorable mention

### **Rufus' Fashion Show**

Mahin Hossain, age nine-year old student at Dater Montessori, first place

Ashley Benedict of Monfort Heights, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at White Oak Middle School, second place

Jana Twitty of Westwood, age 12, a third place

Kelly Damond Huff of Westwood, age 10, honorable mention

Tyerie Davis, an 11-year old student at Taft Elementary School, honorable mention

Marissa Sideris, a kindergartener at Our Lady of Lourdes in Green Township, honorable mention

**TO VIEW** all of the winning entries visit <http://Kidspace.CincinnatiLibrary.org/>.