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Mid-Continent Public Library Hosts Regional Spelling Bee

Local Students Compete in Jackson-Clay County Bee, Winner to Advance to Nationals

Kansas City, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library is proud to host the 2018 Jackson-Clay County Spelling Bee for students in grades 8 and under, which will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at MCPL’s Woodneath Library Center (8900 NE Flintlock Road, Kansas City, MO 64157). The winner of this bee will be sent on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., to represent the region in the 2018 Scripps National Spelling Bee later this spring (May 27 through June 1).

“MCPL is completely abuzz about Woodneath ‘beeing’ the main hive for the Jackson-Clay County Bee, and we can’t wait to see which one of our KC-area kids buzzes on to D.C.,” said Dylan Little, MCPL Community Programming Manager and Spelling Bee Coordinator.

Contestants in this year’s Jackson-Clay County Spelling Bee qualified for participation by winning their local school or homeschool bee as well as one of two divisional spelling bees that were hosted by Mid-Continent Public Library and Kansas City Public Library earlier this month. During the divisional bees, spellers were given three words, and those who spelled all three correctly qualified to advance to the regional championship bee.

In total, 19 students qualified to compete at the Jackson-Clay County Spelling Bee, which will be organized as a “spell-off,” meaning only one speller can win and advance to the national bee. The spellers will be evaluated by a panel of three judges comprised of staff members from both Kansas City Public Library and Mid-Continent Public Library. Cathy Way of Platte Valley Bank will serve as the bee’s pronouncer, and Karen Wickwire and Mariah Hone of Mid-Continent Public Library will act as the written and digital recorders, respectively.

For more information about the 2018 National Spelling Bee, visit spellingbee.com. Also, “Bee” sure to follow the Jackson-Clay County Spelling Bee on Facebook and Twitter to hear the latest buzz and receive live updates on the day of the bee!

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