Top reader ripped through 731 books this summer

A participant of the Summer Reading Club read more than 700 books this past summer.

Krishni Uthayashanker was the program's top overall reader with 731 books read this summer. She was also the top reader for the Grade 4 and up category.

This year's summer reading program had 548 participants who read just over 22,000 books, according to Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library CEO Carolyn Nordheimer James.

Magesha Anpalagan and Kanesha Anpalagan each read 690 books this summer. They were the second placed readers in the Grade 4 and up category

Magesha also won a bicycle through a draw prize.

The top readers in the grades 2 and 3 category each read 720 books -Nisshak Ganesananthan and Sudanan Keuranathan.

In the kindergarten to Grade 1 group, Asmeha Puvanasritharan read 233, while Haresh Senthilkumar completed 148.

In the three to six years read to me category, Harmony Walker completed 197 books, while Nicole Rutkowski finished 188.

The Stouffville Lions Club donated a number of the prizes.

Listen to Life, write a story

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In partnership with the Whitchurch-StouffvillePublicLibrary and the Stouffville Sun-Tribune, the Legacy Project's Listen to a Life Story Contest is a part of WS YOU 177 One Town, One Book.

Last year's local student winner, 14-year-old Neya Ramanan, interviewed 105-year-old Marjorie Gayman for her story.

This year's contest ends in March. Students in Whitchurch-Stouffville are eligible to win a \$250 gift card from a major electronics retailer, courtesy of Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence.

WS YOU 177 is a whole-community initiative that connects generations in meaningful new ways. For the contest, a young person 8 to 18 years interviews a grandparent or grandfriend 50 years or older about their life and writes a 300-word story.

The judging committee is looking for a story that captures a theme, moment, or experience that's important in the older person's life.

One entry per team (i.e. young person and grandparent or "grandfriend"). Entries must be 300 words or less, be a true story about an older person's life.

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