



January 15th - March 29th, 2025
INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT & GOLD MEDALLION EVENT

Theme: Rock Island (The Graham Railroad)
Competitors will write a short story and book cover illustration
Partners are allowed...one author/one illustrator
Two Divisions: Young (6th-8th) & Older (9th-12th)

All Students Welcome
GISD, Open Door, Homeschool Community, Olney ISD, Breckenridge ISD,
Newcastle ISD, Bryson ISD, Jacksboro ISD, Archer City ISD & Graford ISD

Judging Criteria:

- Short Story: 1,000 words or less
- Gives a clear picture of who, what, when and where
- Introduction, Build, Climax, Resolution

Illustrations:

- Excellence of execution in the artistic technique employed;
- Excellence of pictorial interpretation of story, theme, or concept;
- Appropriateness of style of illustration to the story, theme or concept;
- Excellence of presentation in recognition of a child audience.

Winners will be selected by:

- Executive Director, The Old Post Office Museum & Art Center – Lynsey Browning
- Owner/Operator, Pratt's Books – Gayle Pratt

Winners will receive:

- Framed/matted book cover and synopsis (will be displayed with exhibit then returned to winner upon completion of exhibit)
- Meet & Greet with Brian Floca (March 27th or 28th)
- Signed copy of Locomotive, Brian Floca's award winning book



TEACHERS/PARENTS :

Our exhibit will be an embrace of all the Caldecott winning books, but we are highlighting *Locomotive*, by Brian Floca, as he is the only author to win from Texas. His story is also a wonderfully complimentary story to our area. Therefore, with this project we are embracing our own “Locomotive” that we had in Graham from 1902-1933.

The students have the freedom to stray from that timeline as long as a train is included in the story. No digital media, please. All other art mediums accepted.

Please provide on each project:

Author

Illustrator

Teacher/Parent (if Home Schooled)

Email of student and/or Teacher/Parent

All completed projects must be turned into The Old Post Office Museum & Art Center by Wednesday, January 22nd.

Winners will be announced Tuesday, January 28th. Method of announcement is to be determined.

Brief History of Rock Island Station

The Rock Island line was a passenger line that carried passengers to Jacksboro, Bridgeport, Fort Worth, as far as Galveston and North to Waurika, Oklahoma. The rail line was a result of the oil boom taking place in our area, as it was a way to transport workers to the fields. It was also a popular passenger train, and many would take day trips as an event for the family. A new union station was built in 1923 and is still standing. It has been renovated by community citizens and is where The Rock, a local student ministry, now calls home.

It was a combination of the Great Depression and construction of new roads into Jack and Young Counties that put an end to the railroad. The last passenger train ran in 1933, while the last Mixed Train ran in 1953.



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