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**PBS KIDS Utah Writers & Illustrators Contest, 2023
Inspiring Creativity & Literacy in Utah Children**

[CITY] — [ORGANIZATION] presents, a PBS Utah and Utah Arts & Museums’ Traveling Exhibition partnership featuring the winning stories and drawings by kids who entered the 2023 PBS KIDS UTAH contest. The exhibit will be on display at [LOCATION] from [START DATE] through [END DATE].

The annual PBS KIDS Utah Writers & Illustrators Contest strives to foster creativity and literacy in young Utah artists and writers. This year, PBS KIDS Utah accepted 174 stories from young Utah creators in any language and about any subject. Stories range from fact to fiction, and prose to poetry, and the works are original to the authors.

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade are encouraged to submit original stories, complete with a minimum of five illustrations. Out of the stories submitted, this exhibition features the first, second, and third place winners in each grade level (K-6) chosen by a panel of judges including educators, PBS Utah community partners, and arts administrators.

Full stories with complete illustrations and audio of authors reading their stories aloud can be found online at www.pbsutah.org/kids/writers-illustrators-contest/

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**About Utah Arts & Museums and the Traveling Exhibit Program**

Utah Arts & Museums’ Traveling Exhibit Program is a statewide outreach program that provides schools, museums, libraries, and community galleries with the opportunity to bring curated exhibitions to their community. This program is supported in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. For more information on participating in the program, please contact Fletcher Booth at fbooth@utah.gov.

Utah Arts & Museums is a division of the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts. The division provides funding, education, and technical services to individuals and organizations statewide so that all Utahns, regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or economic status, can access, understand, and receive the benefits of arts and culture. Additional information on the programs and services can be found at [artsandmuseums.utah.gov](http://www.artsandmuseums.utah.gov).