

# Pueblo City-County Library District Winter Contest

Pueblo City-County Library District is pleased to announce the winners of the 2023 Winter Contest. Students, from preschool to adult, were invited to create their own snowman, snowflake, food, train or penguin and write a brief description of their character.

Winners received a \$10 gift certificate to Books Again Bookstore, courtesy of the Friends of the Library, a booklet with all of the winning entries and a certificate of achievement. All participants received a certificate of participation.

The library wishes to thank everyone who entered the contest and the teachers and parents who encouraged them to participate. We look forward to receiving your entries again next year!

# Winners

#### Preschool

Jeremiah Chacon Nivol Herrera Mason Lindenmuth North Mesa Elementary - Ms. McHale North Mesa Elementary - Ms. McHale North Mesa Elementary - Ms. McHale

#### 1st Grade

Cecilia Beltran Jayz Garcia-Bencomo Sloan Sanchez Irving Elementary School - Ms. Love Irving Elementary School - Ms. Love Irving Elementary School - Ms. Love

#### 2nd Grade

Hope Conley Kaylee Douglas Reese Wyndham Goodnight School - Mrs. Hillebrand Goodnight School - Mrs. Musso Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith

#### 3rd Grade

Olivia Anderson Miles Herrera Andrew Hewes Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith

#### 4th Grade

Mackenzie Alenna Ney Faith Cozzolino Blakely Thurston Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith

#### 5th Grade

Belle Arguello Diego Rodriguez Mota Alli Shifflet North Mesa Elementary - Mrs. Fillmore Park View Elementary - Mrs. Ribal Rye Elementary School - Mrs. Saxton

#### 6th Grade

Easton Bragg Alexa Childers Lindy Fillmore Connect Charter School - Mr. Preston Connect Charter School - Mr. Preston Fowler Elementary

#### 7th Grade

Ashlyn Baker Lysa Castens-Anaya Nevaeh Marshall Pleasant View Middle School – Mrs. Cook Pleasant View Middle School – Mrs. Cook Pleasant View Middle School – Mrs. Cook

# Winners

#### 8th Grade

Annabell Joy Firkell Melinan Smith Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith Swallows Charter Academy - Mrs. Smith

#### **High School**

Clara O'Brien

Rye High School - Mr. Beeman

#### Adult

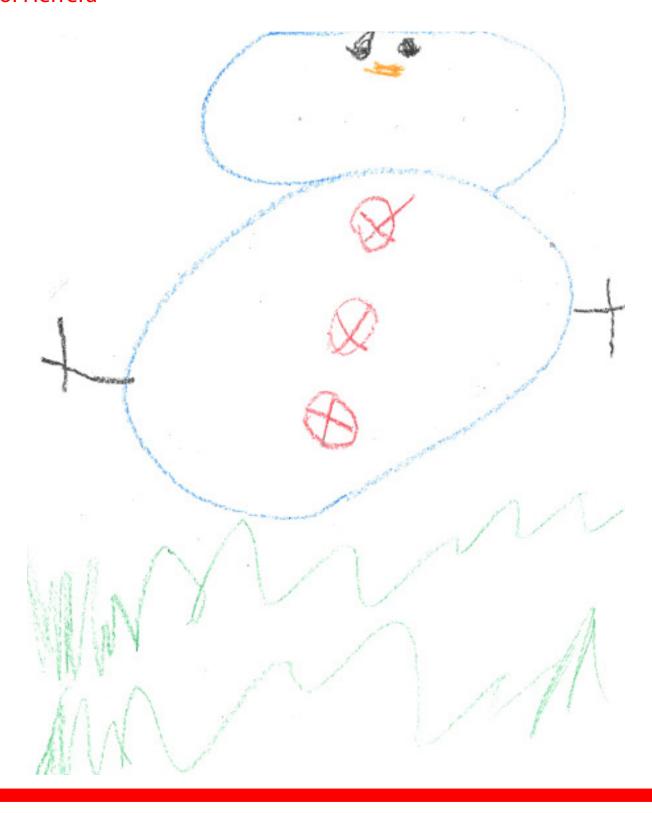
Kirsten Essien

# Winning Entries

# Jeremiah Chacon



# Nivol Herrera



# Mason Lindenmuth



### Cecilia Beltran



I can build a big snowman! First, you need three big balls of snow. Next, you put sticks for arms. Last you put on the eyes and nose. Snowmen are cool!

# Jayz Garcia-Bencomo



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# Sloan Sanchez



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# **Hope Conley**



This is Sylvia. She was made in the North Pole. She is the nicest snowman ever. Sylvia likes to play with my friends and me. Her hat can light up so when we can't find her, look for a red and green light.

# **Kaylee Douglas**



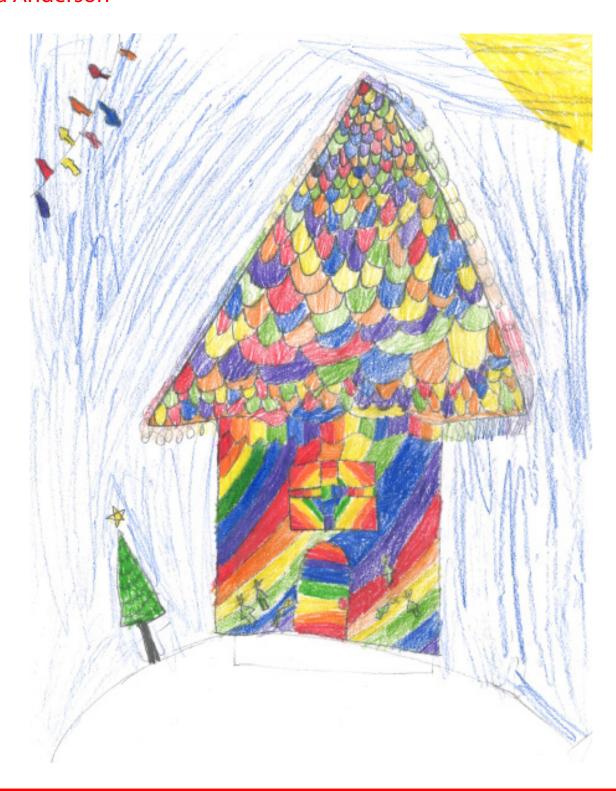
This is my snowman. He lives in the snow. He is wearing a red hat. He is also wearing a red and green scarf. I like my snowman because he is cute. I like his red and green scarf. I also like his red hat too.

# Reese Wyndham



Hello this is Winter. She loves everything because everything matters to her. She is a penguin but not just an ordinary penguin. She also has a special Christmas power. She can unite the snowflakes and then the most magical thing happens but I can't tell you but have a great Christmas.

#### Olivia Anderson



Gerald the gingerbreadman lives in this house but he is out running to get some wood for the fire and some more lights for his house. PS - he's not there because I don't know how to draw a gingerbreadman!

#### Miles Herrera



My snowman's name is Chilly. He likes to drink hot coco and eat candy canes, he likes to when it's snowing! And he always wears his lucky hat and scarf, just in case! When it snows, he catches snowflakes! Last but not least, he's awesome!

# **Andrew Hewes**



Mr. Fluffy pants lived at the North Pole and he would always fly with Santa to deliver presents.

# Mackenzie Alenna Ney



The way a good reader listens to a giant snowman!

#### Faith Cozzolino



Once upon a time there was a baby cow and a baby snowman. The baby cows name was Milly and the baby snowmans name is Boded. Milly and Boded were so excited for Christmas so they fell asleep at 5:00 but they didn't know that they will wake up early so they woke up and didn't see Santa but saw their presents so they went to wake up their parents and they loved their gifts.

# **Blakely Thurston**



One night a little penguin named Billy peeked out of his bed and saw Santa penguin eating his cookies and milk. The end.

# **Belle Arguello**



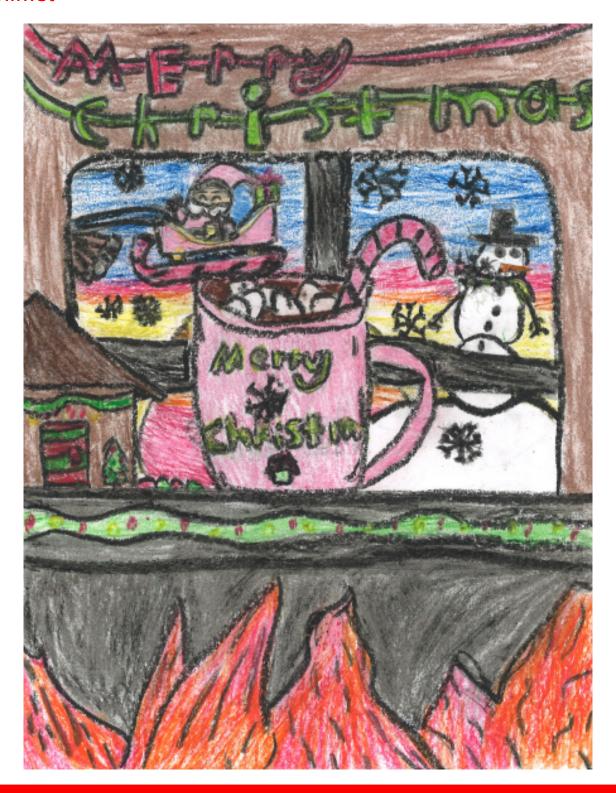
This train is a very festive Christmas one with snowman playing a snowball fight to a lot of different Christmas related animals. While the train listens through the snow Santa is on his way to deliver presents throughout the world, and also the train of Santa's is going to give some of the presents that the workers have made.

# Diego Rodriguez Mota



The pepito train can go very fast. Railroads. Are important because trains would not work without them in Chihuahua, Mexico. Never had a bad accident happened on the Pepito. It can go 145 miles per hour.

#### Alli Shifflet



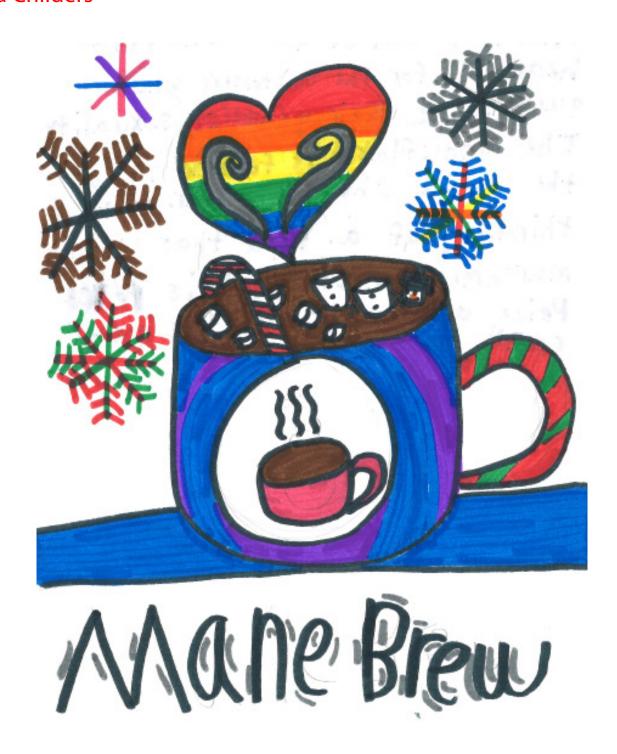
Christmas morning is an amazing morning to be in a safe space by the fire place or is it safe if Santa Claus is on the case of course it's safe Santa is nice and kind and likes to climb down your chimney and into your home than by the time it's Christmas time theres a definitely perfectly special gift just for me that's perfectly line up to the Christmas tree. The grace and lace from the wrapping of the present is just magical. OK! So Santa is safe he is off the Christmas case. So now who here is in a Christmas cheer? And who here is in some fear that Santa and his reindeer will leave you something terrible! Coal! So be good be nice or you will get something that will feel like ice on your face or on your present it would be terrible so be nice!

# **Easton Bragg**



A snowman isolated, waiting for a child to see him and help him from melting in the sun.

#### **Alexa Childers**



#### Mane Brew

This is a cup of queer. The pride heart is for the customers who are questioning their gender sexuality. The snow-flakes are for the 7% of the world who are queer. I tried thinking of a food that wasn't marshmellows. Enjoy this piece of art called, "The Queer Cup."

#### **Lindy Fillmore**



#### Peppermint Mug

This amazing peppermint mug, it is made entirely of peppermints and when your pour hot chocolate into it, your coco is instantly flavored like peppermints. And, when you finish your delicious coco you are left with a tasty peppermint treat. You don't need to worry about your mug melting either because it will last at least an hour. I'm sure you would enjoy this tasty mug.

# Ashlyn Baker



Snowy ground gnomes walking around Through the snow way too cold Yay today Snowman roll nobody else goes on with lights way too bright

# Lysa Carstens - Anaya



#### **Nevaeh Marshall**



Getting ready to decorate Gingerbread houses with my family. Into watching Christmas movies with family.

Nightmare before Christmas is my favorite Holiday movie.

Going to go get dressed in my Christmas PJs.

Everyone is in the Christmas spirit for the best day.

Reading a bed time story about Rudolph the red nose reindeer.

Being in the Christmas spirit is what makes happy. Ready to make myself a snack before Christmas day. Eating cookies and milk like Santa does. All of the presents that Santa brought are under the tree. Dinner is when we have a feast to celebrate Christmas.

# Annabell

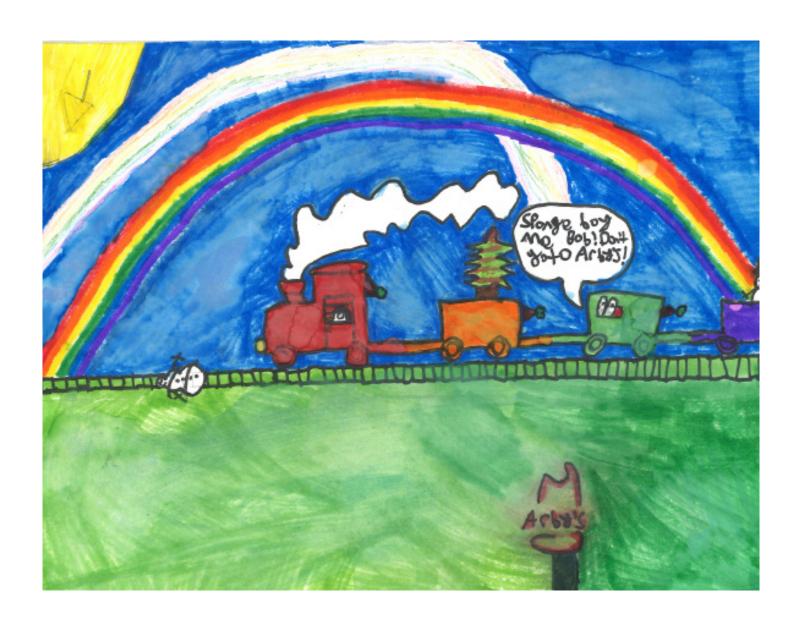


# Joy Firkell



A cat watches people pipe delectable chocolate syrup onto a giant mug of hot chocolate. It eyes the candy canes and macaroons that bathe in the drink with jealousy, as the mug has been placed too high for it to reach. Maybe it will get a small taste, if it quickly stretches its tongue out to catch the syrup that drips from an outcast candy cane (was that too elaborate).

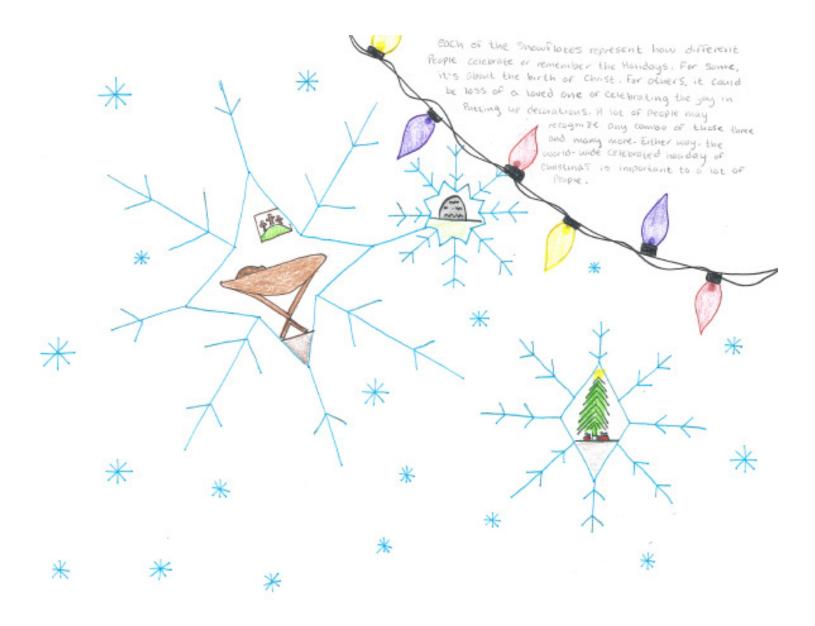
#### **Melinan Smith**



#### The Christmas Gay Train

Everyone hop aboard the Christmas Gay Train! Even if you are straight, hop aboard the Christmas Gay Train! I know this Holiday is about Jesus's birth (or something else if you are not Christian) but still! Hop aboard the Christmas Gay Train! You'll be able to do whatever! Hop aboard the Christmas Gay train, no matter what you believe! Hop aboard the Christmas Gay Train with all of your friends!

#### Clara O'Brien



Each of the snowflakes represent how different people celebrate or remember the holidays. For some, it's about the birth of Christ. For others, it could be loss of a loved one or celebrating the joy in putting up decorations. A lot of people may recognize any combo of those three and many more. Either way, the world-wide celebrated holiday of Christmas is important to a lot of people.

#### Kirsten Essien



# A California Winter There once was a snowman from Cali Who didn't want to melt as his finale He tried freezers, ice buckets, even a fan But ultimately he turned into a puddleman