

Know an Outstanding Redlands Teacher? Tell Barnes & Noble

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Barnes & Noble has put out the call for nominations for Redlands' outstanding educators.

Recently, the bookseller announced the start date of its annual "My Favorite Teacher Contest," which invites middle and high school-aged students to nominate the teachers who have made the biggest impact on their lives.

"I think the biggest reason (for the contest) is teachers are a vital influence in the lives of children," said Alissa Elliott, community business development manager for the Barnes & Noble Citrus Plaza shopping center store. "Teachers deserve all the recognition we can give them."

Students can nominate teachers by submitting a written essay, poem or thank you letter detailing how the educator "has influenced their life and why they appreciate and admire them," according to a news release.

Entries are judged by the compelling nature of the teacher's qualities and the sincerity and quality of the student's writing, said Elliott.

Students may nominate currently employed teachers in grades first through 12th. Barnes & Noble's local store has plans to recognize the winning educator in the spring during a special event. The teacher selected will receive a special award and will have a chance to move on to the regional and national level of the contest, according to the release. The student who writes the winning essay, poem or letter will also receive a certificate of recognition at the event.

Teachers selected to move on to the next level of competition will have a chance to win additional prizes for themselves and their schools, including Barnes & Noble gift cards, a NOOK and cash.

Entries may be submitted at the company's Citrus Plaza store at 27460 W. Lugonia Ave. during normal business hours through March 1.

To learn more, call the store at 909-793-4322 or go to www.bn.com/myfavoriteteacher.