The Friends of the Library along with the Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton announced the winners of the Poetry/Short Prose Contest on April 13 as part of National Library Week.

The 12th annual contest received over 100 entries, which were judged by Julie Amdt, Steven Byrd and Dr. Charles Tista.

In the UNCP student category, the winners were introduced by Kiwanis of Robeson-Lumberton President, Kyle Chavis.

“We have had a long-standing relationship with the Friends of the Library...we think literacy, the enjoyment of reading, the enjoyment of writing and expressing oneself through writing is very important,” Chavis said.

Emily McLamb won first place with her poem, “Drive.” She was followed by second place winner Addison Fisher. Fisher said that she was writing for very long and that her entry was actually an assignment she had from her English teacher.

Second place winner from the general public category Jane Bart said what attracted her to writing and poetry is “you can share stuff that is inside of you with other people.”

Steve Martin, assistant chancellor for Facilities Management, said in an email that construction is “still on schedule so that Cypress Hall will be opened for the fall.

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