

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **For Immediate Release**

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**Tulare County Office of Education announces:**

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Young Authors' Faire at TCOE Liberty Center**

**March 5 – 7, 2014 · 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Multipurpose Room, TCOE Liberty Center, 11535 Avenue 264, Visalia**

Over 470 elementary and middle school students will display their writings at the annual Young Authors' Faire. The students, representing 23 Tulare County schools, worked alone or in groups to produce 330 books this year. The books are on display March 5-7, in the Multipurpose Room of the Tulare County Office of Education's Liberty Center. The number of entries in the Young Author's Faire event is up over 75% from 2013.

The students write, illustrate and bind traditional stories for the public to read. New this year is a digital book category. Students created digital books utilizing PowerPoint and incorporated hand-drawn and digital photography. Visitors to Young Authors' Faire will be able to enjoy the digital books utilizing laptops set up around the room.

During the week of the exhibition, the public is invited to read and comment on the books. An evening reception will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5, so that the public

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can meet the young authors and celebrate their successes. Students will also have the opportunity to read their books aloud to the audience at the reception.

“By participating in the Young Authors’ Faire program, students are building their 21st century learning skills – critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “I encourage the public to visit the Faire to read and appreciate these wonderful works!”

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