



THE LONDON LIBRARY STUDENT PRIZE 2013 - WINNER ANNOUNCED!

The London Library is delighted to announce the winner of this year's London Library Student Prize, a writing competition open to all final year undergraduates across the UK.

Supported by *The Times* and graduate recruitment site Milkround, The London Library Student Prize sets out to discover the next generation of writers, thinkers and opinion formers. The Prize also offers final year undergraduates a fantastic opportunity to kick-start a career in writing.

Many hundreds of students, studying a range of degree subjects at universities across the UK, entered the competition this year. Entrants were asked to consider the theme "Gap years – a new form of colonialism" and submit an 800 word comment piece exploring the premise.

Kathryn Nave, a final year Philosophy student at King's College, London, has been selected as first prize winner.

Runners up are **Jacob Burns, an Art History student at Goldsmiths, University of London, and Paul Creeny, who is in his final year of an Ethical World Journalism degree at Staffordshire University.**

A distinguished panel of judges – **former editor of *The Economist* and Chairman of The London Library Trustees Bill Emmott, award-winning children's author Patrick Ness, *The Times* Books Editor Erica Wagner, and *The Times* Saturday Review Editor Tom Gatti** - were impressed by the originality and fluency of this year's entries.

The winner receives a cheque for £5000 and runners-up will receive £1000 each. The winner and runners-up will also receive a year's membership of The London Library and a year's subscription to *The Times*, as well as the opportunity to take part in a mini-internship at *The Times*.

Kathryn Ann Nave's winning entry will be published in *The Times* and The London Library magazine later this year.

With reduced rates for young people and supported memberships available, The London Library offers access to a university-quality collection of over 1 million books and periodicals, available borrow and take home, as well as extensive electronic resources. The Library is a valuable resource for new graduates wishing to pursue a career in writing, academia or journalism, or for those who wish to simply read for pleasure.

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WINNER



Kathryn Ann Nave

Philosophy, King's College London

Kate is in her final year studying Philosophy at King's College London. Having grown up in a small village outside Manchester, university provided the opportunity to fulfill her dream of living in London. She spent last year studying in North Carolina, where she wrote for the student newspaper. After graduating she plans to cycle around South America before returning to postgraduate study, either in the UK or America. She has recently taken up fencing and somewhat more successfully enjoys drawing, painting and reading. Her favourite authors range from Borges and Nabakov to Patrick Rothfuss and Anthony Horowitz. In the future she hopes to either continue in academia or work in journalism. Kate has been a member of the London Library for two years.

RUNNERS-UP



Jacob Burns

History of Art, Goldsmiths, University of London

Jacob Burns grew up in Edinburgh, and has just completed a BA in Art History at Goldsmiths, University of London. He also works as a research assistant for the Forensic Architecture project there, and is going on to study a Masters. In his writing he is interested in the intersection of contemporary critical theory, conflict and spatiality. He is also passionate about music. He blogs at radialspaces.tumblr.com and tweets under @jacobtburns.



Paul Creeney

Ethical World Journalism, Staffordshire University

Paul comes from Runcorn, an industrial town on the Mersey. He likes to walk. He worked in a kitchen-unit factory to fund backpacking around Peru, where he spent time teaching art and English at a charity school in Cuzco. He also travelled through Mexico. While in Spain, after walking the 500-mile Camino de Santiago he had to sign documents to prove that he wasn't dead in Barcelona. Paul has worked as an intern at environmental magazine Resurgence & Ecologist. After university he is torn between immediately working as a journalist and taking another long walk, Spain's 600-mile Via de la Plata.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

The London Library, St James's Square, was founded in 1841 and is the world's largest independent lending library. Its broad and eclectic collection covers a vast number of subjects across the humanities, with books dating from the 16th Century to the latest print and digital resources. It has over one million volumes, stored on 15 miles of open-access shelves which may be freely browsed with over 97% available for loan.

With more than 7000 current members, the Library has provided an invaluable resource to writers, researchers and avid readers for over 160 years. Past and present members include Charles Darwin, George Eliot, Virginia Woolf, T.S. Eliot, Bruce Chatwin, Sebastian Faulks, Jeremy Paxman, Antonia Fraser and current president Sir Tom Stoppard. Membership of the London Library is open to all.

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