

# News Release

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## **Ask a Librarian announces YouTube contest winners**

*Three high school students' directorial efforts pay off*

TAMPA, Fla. (Feb. 12, 2008) — Ask a Librarian officials announced today the winners of The Director's Chair, a contest in which Florida students created commercials to promote Ask a Librarian. Julie Bollinger is the grand prize winner; second place goes to Karman McClung; and third place goes to Jake Coombs.

Julie, a Seminole Ridge High School student in Palm Beach County, will receive a hard-drive video camera. Second-place winner Karman McClung, a homeschooled student from Lake County, will receive a Nintendo Wii, and third-place winner Jake Coombs, a Fernandina Beach High School student in Nassau County, will receive a digital audio player jukebox.

A panel of judges narrowed all the entries down to five finalists, and the public determined the three winners by voting online.

Ask a Librarian is a free online service that allows patrons to chat with a librarian for help with homework or general questions.

Visit [www.askalibrarian.org/thedirectorschair](http://www.askalibrarian.org/thedirectorschair) to see the winners' videos.

Visit [www.askalibrarian.org](http://www.askalibrarian.org) for more information about the Ask a Librarian service.

Ask a Librarian is a joint project of the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) and the Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC). Ask a Librarian is funded as part of the Florida Electronic Library ([www.flelibrary.org](http://www.flelibrary.org)) by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant.

The Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Inc. (TBLC) is a nonprofit multi-type library cooperative that assists and empowers libraries. Since 1979, TBLC has worked with member libraries to provide better, faster service and resource sharing to the residents of Florida. For more information, call (813) 622-8252 or visit [www.tbtc.org](http://www.tbtc.org).

The College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) operates the statewide Library Information Network for Community Colleges (LINCC) and associated Web-based information portal, LINCCWeb, from its headquarters in Tallahassee, Fla. As an administered program of the Florida Department of Education's Division of Community Colleges, CCLA serves 70 community college libraries in 57 cities throughout Florida. For more information, visit [www.cclaflorida.org](http://www.cclaflorida.org).

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