

Hello, I'm Carrie Garner. I'm 11 years old, in 6th grade, and I go to Central Park Middle School. I'd love to win this trip for multiple reasons. Let's start off with reason 1.

My parents LOVE books, and reading. I've always really shared their love for reading and collecting books. I always grew up with a vast library. (8+ bookshelves full!) Eventually, I got bored of the books we had. That's when I discovered the public library. I ended up going once or twice a week. I also realized how important libraries really are. I realized that some people need computers, others need phones, and most people needed books.

Libraries have impacted me in more ways than one. First of all, they gave me an endless selection of books, and allowed me to research topics I needed to know about. Second, thanks to my local library, I got 2nd place in my school science fair! Without the research and knowledge I got from the books in the library, I'd probably have lost motivation and not entered. (It was about wind blade efficiency.)

Libraries can be a positive impact on North Carolina because of certain features about them. The first one is easy. They're public! For the library in downtown Durham, it's not uncommon to see homeless people hanging out in there. It's important that libraries are a safe place for people to be. Another thing, studies show that millennials aren't reading quite as much as they should be. One reason may be that it's hard to get access to books. Libraries are a place where people can get books for free! (If they have a local drivers license.) So, it's very important that libraries are well cared for, and that there is more of a demand for books.

SO, to end this essay off, I'd just like to say that my best friend, Daisy, and my girlfriend, Tatiana, entered this contest too. I'm sure it'd mean alot to them if they got to win. SO even if I don't I'd like one of them to win. Thank you!

~Carrie
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