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Public Online Voting is Live for the Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands!

The public may vote until March 1

Southwest Florida, Feb. 18, 2015 –Four teen bands have submitted entries and qualified for the Reading Rocks! Teen Battle of the Bands and public online voting is now open until midnight March 1. The bands will be judged on musical skill, ensemble, originality and musicianship. The public is encourage to vote and may only vote one time. Invalid votes will be disqualified. Go to <http://www.readfest.org/bandbattle.aspx> to see and hear the entries and vote.

The top three bands will compete live at the Southwest Florida Reading Festival March 21 to determine the first, second and third places and the awards will be announced at 4 p.m. The viewing crowd will vote for the bands at the finals. The crowd sourced voting will open after the final band completes their set and is open to anyone in the audience at the festival who has heard the bands compete. The audience will be given a website where they vote with a smartphone or device. Only one vote per device will be allowed. The crowd sourced voting will account for 40 percent of the total score and the judge’s panel will provide 60 percent of the total score. The judge’s panel will evaluate each band on musical skill, ensemble, originality, musicianship and stage presence.

“With covers of KISS, Black Sabbath, Bill Withers and Weezer, the crowd is going to have a tough time deciding which band takes home the title. We were really impressed with the quality of the submissions this year.” says Kristy Kilfoyle, Lee County Library System Program Coordinator. The event is presented by the Southwest Florida Reading Festival and is intended to encourage involvement in reading and the arts among high school and middle school age students.

For more information about the Southwest Florida Reading Festival, call 239-337-INFO|4636 or visit www.readfest.org. The Reading Festival is 100 percent community supported through generous donations, sponsorships and grants. To help ensure the continuation of this free community event visit www.readfest.org to make a secure online donation.

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