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## Writers in the spotlight



Dan Watson/The Signal (See additional photos on signalscv.com)

Paul Sisson, 5, reads the book "My Little Brother's Dirty Room" to Romeo, a standard poodle, in the Storytime Room at the Old Town Newhall Library during the Celebration of Local Authors event Saturday.

### Local authors of all ages present their books to readers at Newhall Library

By Jonathan Smith  
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Stevenson Ranch Elementary School student Ryan Ashley Rector knows the value of the written word.

The 10-year-old author, whose favorite book is "The Giving Tree," said she writes as a hobby and enjoys every minute of it.

"When you're writing, you're in control," Rector

said. "You get to create the story. I always like when I get to write narratives at school. I always just jump in and go at them."

Rector was just one of the dozens of authors around the Santa Clarita Valley who expressed their love for writing Saturday at the Friends of the Santa Clarita Public Library annual Celebration of Local Authors Festival at Old Town Newhall

Library.

The free Saturday event featured more than 50 local authors, most of whom reside in the Santa Clarita Valley, to showcase their work to the hundreds of avid readers who entered the library.

Those who attended had a chance to buy books from the local authors. Organizers also moderated several panel discussions with the authors based on

their particular genre.

Saturday marked the third year for the free event.

"This is a chance for people to get to know these local authors and to allow the authors an opportunity to engage with the community," said Robin Hoklotubbe, marketing, public relations and special projects coordinator with the

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