

# Okaloosa County News Release

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**Media Notes:** *Photos attached of Madi's work and she is willing to have her photo made with artwork at the Niceville Library. Please give her credit on any photos used so she can add to her portfolio in order to get community service hours toward her goals for college.*

**Cutlines:** *Scout O'Rama attendees are pictured in Madi's Book Jacket Photo Stands. (2)*  
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## **Once Upon a Time a Freshman Named Madi Helped Local Libraries *Niceville Freshman Madison Brake Paints for a Cause***

The Okaloosa County Library Cooperative (OCPLC) began asking around the Niceville Library for a talented volunteer to paint photo stands. The stands, big boards to stick your face through and become part of the photo, were going to be used to attract youngsters to the OCPLC booth at the recent Scout-O'Rama. A talented young artist and freshman at Niceville High School, named Madison Brake, answered the call. Her family donated all the wood and paint supplies, too.

"She and I have a real soft spot for libraries and to know her work was so valued and appreciated is well worth the time she put in to the project," says her mother JoAnn. Madi's goal is to attend an art school in Georgia after she graduates. "What it must be like to be an artist and bursting with creative ideas you can't wait to unleash," added the proud mother.

"OCPLC would like to personally thank Madi and her family so very much for having the vision of what we wanted and for donating the time, talent and supplies to make it a reality. The book jackets will be used many times at publicity events and I hope it warms your heart as much as it does mine, to know that you are supporting the power of libraries to better the lives of their communities," stated OCPLC Coordinator Vicky Stever.

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