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**Maryland Public Middle Schoolers!
Be a Radical Readers Essay Contestant**

District Heights, MD – Here's your chance Maryland Public Middle School students to win a free iPad mini! Read *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafza (young readers' version) during the month of March 2016 and write a 250-word essay. *I Am Malala* is the story of a young woman who risked her life to get an education and became the youngest woman to win a Nobel Peace Prize. The essay contest is an extension of the Radical Readers program. Send your typed or neatly written essay to: Radical Readers Essay Challenge, 140 Main Street, Annapolis, MD 21401, by Monday, April 11, 4:45 pm or email to readingchallenge@mseanea.org.

In your essay, please be sure to include answers to the following questions, plus the requested description.

1. What do you think about Malala's decision to go to school?
2. If you were Malala and had to make the same choice, what would you do and why?
3. How did you feel learning about what happened to Malala?
What memory in your life did it remind you of?
4. Describe how the book made you feel about the importance of education.
5. Did the book change the way you see your life and if so, how?

The four winners of the **Radical Readers Essay Contest** will be announced at the **Community Screening of *He Named Me Malala*** on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at 10 am at our Spauldings Branch Library, located at 5811 Old Silver Hill Road, District Heights, MD 20747. RSVP to 301-817-3750 to attend this free public event and meet Angie Ange of WKYS FM 93.9.

About The Prince George's County Memorial Library System

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS), consisting of 19 branches, offers strategies for lifelong learning. Library teen events and resources include 3D Printing programs, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), Minecraft, Manga and Anime, Gaming, Chess, Teen Zone, Teen Advisory Board, Brainfuse's HelpNow (homework help / tutoring) and DREAM (Digital Resources for Electronic Applications in Media) lab. Early literacy resources are Ready 2 Read Centers, ABCmouse, AWE Early Literacy Stations and Beanstack. Other digital resources are Lynda.com, Brainfuse's JobNow, OverDrive, Inc., FastPencil, hoopla digital, InstantFlix powered by IndieFlix, Freegal and Zinio. All these services are free with your PGCMLS library card. Library programs include: Storytimes, Read to

Rover, Meet the Author, Computer Classes, Writers Groups, Knitting and Crocheting, Spring Gardening, Crazy 8's Math Clubs and so much more. For additional information and to connect with us on social media, visit our website at www.pgcmls.info.

About Radical Readers

[Radical Readers](#) is a program created by the Maryland State Education Association (MSEA) exclusively for middle school students to encourage them to be radical enough to forget about peer pressure and other distractions and to get hooked on the joy of reading. Since 2007, MSEA has given away laptops, \$500 gift cards, video game systems, Nooks, Kindle Fires, iPad minis and lots and lots of pizza—all to inspire middle school students to embrace the power of reading. It's extreme and drastic and it's radical!

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