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Attention high school students – make your directorial debut!

Ask a Librarian sponsors video contest

TAMPA, Fla. (November 30, 2009) — Florida high school students are invited to participate in The Third Annual Director's Chair, a contest in which students create television commercials to promote Ask a Librarian and flaunt their directorial skills. Ask a Librarian is a free online service that allows patrons to chat with a librarian for help with homework or general questions.

Floridians in ninth through 12th grade are invited to submit to YouTube a 30-second video promoting Ask a Librarian by January 24, 2010, for the chance to win a digital video camera, a digital camera or a MP3 player.

Videos will be judged on creativity, originality and how well they promote Ask a Librarian. After a panel of judges picks the top five videos, it will be up to the public to vote for its favorite video from Feb. 8- 20, 2010.

Visit www.askalibrarian.org/thedirectorschair for more information about the contest, including submission instructions, prizes, official contest rules, release forms and more. Previous winning videos are on the page for viewing.

Visit www.askalibrarian.org for more information about the Ask a Librarian service.

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