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Photo from the Middle Country Public Library

All Island Idol performers and emcees in a group selfie.

MCPL's Island Idol hits all the right notes

The Middle Country Public Library hosted the 12th annual Island Idol, a music festival that attracted 350 community members. Sponsored by King Kullen, the Friends of the Middle Country Public Library and the Allstate Foundation, this event featured 16 talented performances by vocalists, musicians, bands and dancers who all entertained the crowd. Lively commentary and music trivia between acts was provided by six talented teen emcees, Kathleen Flaccomio, Emily McCoy, Melissa Migliano, Katie Sengelaub, Kyle Stevens and Joseph St. George.

Children in attendance participated in games and crafts, and the MCPL Teen Advisory Council manned a fundraising concession booth throughout the night. The evening culminated with a touching group performance by all Island Idol performers and emcees and a group "selfie"

photo on stage.

Four judges with music and theater background evaluated contestants' efforts — Diana Cook, director of music and fine arts at the Middle Country Central School District; Victor LaBozzetta III, a major in percussion performance at the Eastman School of Music; Dominick Ricciardi, former sound engineer for Cove City Sound and Upper Room Ministries; and Camile Arnone, a local actress and director.

This year's Island Idol winners were as follows:

Best Solo Vocal or Dance Performance,
Gabrielle Pegg

Best Musician or Band Performance,
Ally Short

Best Solo Vocal or Dance Performance
Runner-up, Katelyn Costa

Best Musician or Band Performance
Runner-up, Grace Miller.