## Fifth Annual Poetry Festival Reading Another Success

n May 1, the Anne Morrow Lindbergh Poetry Festival celebrated its fifth anniversary. "Every time I look at the stack of anthologies on my shelf, I have to count them again to make sure that I am not dreaming," said Eiluned Morgan. "I am very proud that this year's anthology is such a strong collec-



Top: Several young poets take their turn reading their poems. Center left: L-R Sue Robinson; Joe Pacheco, poet and director of the Sanibel Poets Group; Dr. David Robinson, president emeritus of Edison Community College, Fort Myers, Fl.; and Dr. Jean Matthew. Bottom: Sue Robinson and Dr. Matthew present anthologies to the students.

tion. It does indeed live up to its title of celebrating our world "from the Atom to the Star."

At this year's reading, held at Fort Myers High School, 85 poets from 24 schools – elementary, middle and high school read to an audience of 470. "You could feel the excitement and pride come in waves as the poets checked in," said volunteer Ann McCaughan. "It's local author, historian and journalist Dr. Jean Matthew, who also served as the Master of Ceremonies. Before the reading started Dr. Matthew declared all the poets "published poets" and added, "no one can take that away from you!"

Though Reeve Lindbergh was not able to be a part of the program, she sent a heartfelt message. It read:

"I am thrilled to know that the poetry festival continues to thrive after five very busy years, and I am grateful to all those who have worked hard to support this program. ... My mother believed in encouraging young people to express themselves in writing and she was a poetry lover all her life. These young poets have so many ways of looking at the world. It is a great privilege, once again to share their view."

It was indeed a privilege. The audience, in their enthusiastic applause, thought so too. "I think the next five years are going to be just as exciting as the last five years, if not more so." said Eiluned Morgan.

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#### **Upcoming Events**

"From the Atom to the Star" Symposium Nov. 13, 2004 Poetry Festival Reading April 30, 2005

"Gift from the Sea" Festival Nov. 15-18, 2005

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