

Just for friends of Youth Journalism International, the *YJI Insider* is aimed at providing a behind-the-scenes look at this Connecticut educational charity and its talented students around the globe.

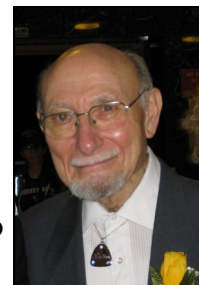
YJI teams up with Mark Twain House for July 26 movie event

Exciting news! In a special collaboration this month, [Youth Journalism International](#) and the Mark Twain House & Museum will be showing [Linotype: The Film](#), as a fundraiser for YJI and the museum on **Thursday, July 26**.



Linotype: The Film, is a fascinating feature-length documentary filmed in part at the Twain House. It centers on Thomas Edison's linotype machine used by printers for generations. It was an early rival of Mark Twain's Paige Compositor, the machine that Twain believed would make him rich, but instead led him to financial ruin. Admission is by donation, with proceeds going to YJI and the [Mark Twain House & Museum](#).

Carl Schlesinger, a retired *New York Times* linotype operator and grandfather of YJI alum Natalie Minor, will join us that evening to celebrate an earlier era of printing. Please come and join us for the film, say hi to Carl and support YJI!

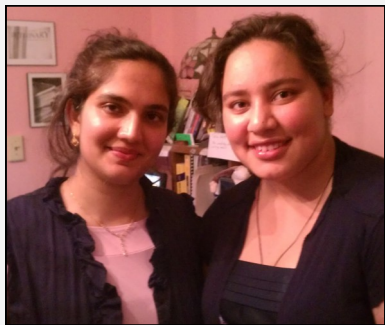


Our event starts at 7 p.m. in the air -conditioned comfort of the museum's plush theater. Don't miss it!

For even more fun, come early for the annual Twain House free ice cream social. It's from 5-7 p.m. and includes games and discounted tours of the first floor. The stunning historic home, a national historic landmark, is at **351 Farmington Ave., Hartford**.

Student Spotlight

Tunisian teen Ameni Mathlouthi spent the school year as a high school student in Connecticut and [became active in YJI](#).



YJI alum Hila Yosafi-Lehman, left, with Ameni Mathlouthi

In addition to taking part in a lot of news reporting, Ameni skillfully drew henna designs on many happy people at YJI's annual booth at the Duck Race in Forestville and spoke about [her participation in the revolution in her country](#) to the Bristol Rotary Club and the Universalist Church in West Hartford.

YJI's Excellence in Journalism Contest

Early this year, YJI held its third annual [Excellence in Journalism contest](#), which honored the work of more than 80 students on five continents. The contest is open to teens anywhere and is unique in that it offers a hardship waiver for those who cannot afford the entry fees. Although most of the winners were not YJI students, the judges selected Pushkal Shivam, a standout YJI reporter from Mumbai, India, as the 2012 Student Journalist of the Year. Beautiful engraved crystal trophies went to Pushkal and three other top winners, while custom-made certificates were sent to the youth who won in the many other categories.



Pushkal Shivam

This year, YJI added [an impressive roster of 19 judges](#) who volunteered their time and talent to evaluate the many contest entries. Most of the judges even offered helpful commentary on the work, which is always appreciated by students who enter.

Around the world, YJI students are knocking it out of the park

Though this month's movie continues our partnership with the Mark Twain House - our students produced stories on a [new exhibit this spring](#) and coverage of [a recent lecture by author Judy Blume](#) - it's not just Connecticut youth who are busy making sure YJI delivers the best news on the planet.

Since January, YJI's published the work of students from 16 countries on five continents and many U.S. states. Our students have been all over the place, recording [New Year's celebrations from Kampala, Uganda](#) to [Amsterdam](#), reporting from the [Republican caucus in Iowa](#), [the primary in Michigan](#), and a [videoconference by Burmese leader Aung San Suu Kyi's with students in France](#). YJI reporters delivered from a [London philosophy marathon](#), [Pakistani markets](#) and even [a movie premiere inside Buckingham Palace](#). They've weighed in on [films](#), [music](#) and [plays](#), [beauty pageants for breast cancer](#), the thrill of [paragliding over Norway](#), [Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee](#) and [the Olympics](#).

YJI teamed up with the Environmental Learning Centers of Connecticut for [a story detailing how youth around the world celebrate Earth Day](#). That collaboration involved 22 young journalists in 11 countries and several U.S. states.

[A 24-hour reading of Uncle Tom's Cabin](#) at Hartford's Harriet Beecher Stowe Center included YJI alumni, students and leaders, who also covered the event.



YJI Associate Editor Rachel Glogowski of Bristol, Conn., on the Great Wall of China this year.

Already a recognized Top-Rated Educational Nonprofit on the charity rating site, www.GreatNonProfits.org, YJI won additional recognition this year as a Top-Rated Nonprofit in both Arts and Culture and Women's Empowerment. [Read our reviews there](#) and you'll see why.

Things are going great and we're growing fast, but YJI continues to have an impossibly long waiting list of young people who are eager to take part. We're grateful for donations from alumni, parents and

friends. They make a huge difference. We'd like to be able to hire our first staff member in the coming months and bring some of these promising young people on board. To do it, we need your continued support in whatever way you can give it. Help spread the word about YJI's amazing work and let us know if you'd like to get in on the action as a volunteer. Please make a tax-deductible gift if you can. **Thank you so much for being a friend to YJI.**

If you can donate, please send a check to:

Youth Journalism International

33 Griswold Dr.

West Hartford, CT 06119

The best way to make online donations is through the Caucecast link on the YJI website:

www.youthjournalism.org

YJI Is Exhibitor At National Journalism Conference In June

In June, YJI was an exhibitor at the national conference of the Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc. in Boston. We reached out to the dedicated journalists at the conference, introducing the organization and making several wonderful new friends. One, Rosiane Correia de Freitas, who teaches journalism at Universidade Positivo in Curitiba, Brazil, is our newest Ambassador and collaborator.

The three YJI students who took part in the conference also kept busy, [interviewing Jill Abramson](#), the editor of *The New York Times* and [Leonard Downie, Jr.](#), a former editor at the *Washington Post*.



YJI Executive Director Jackie Majerus at the IRE conference