



**Reading Eagle: Susan Keen** | Jaden Laboy, 14, of Exeter dips his head back to steal a slice of pizza from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle Michelangelo Thursday at the Reading Recreation Commission's reception for the citywide art competition at the Reading Public Museum.

## Children create art in Reading Rec Commission contest

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Inspired by legendary Renaissance artists - Michelangelo, Donatello, Leonardo DaVinci and Raphael - as well as the cartoon characters who share their names, children in Reading participated in a citywide art competition that culminated in an awards ceremony and reception Thursday evening.

Organized by the Reading Recreation Commission, the contest paralleled the Reading Public Museum's summer exhibit, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Secrets of the Sewer."

After attending the exhibit, children from each playground or camp participating chose one of the four Renaissance artists on which to base their work. They then produced pieces of art using different media to reflect some themes and techniques of their chosen artist.

Recreation commission leaders said the program gives children a chance to learn and have fun.

Heather Boyer, program supervisor, said, "The contest encourages creativity and teamwork."



**Reading Eagle: Susan Keen** | Ali DeJesus, 16, with his girlfriend, Keishla Rodriguez, 16, both of Reading, look at the artwork created by city playground participants on display at the Reading Recreation Commission's reception Thursday in the Reading Public Museum.



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