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Calling creative kids to design next Pierce County Library System card

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – The Pierce County Library System is inviting children and teens in Pierce County to design the next library card. Students may submit entries in the <u>Library Card Design</u> <u>Contest</u> at any <u>Pierce County Library</u> **now through April 30, 2023**.

"Pierce County is home to many creative and talented kids and teens and we want to showcase that creativity," said the Pierce County Library <u>Executive Director Gretchen Caserotti.</u> "The Library Card Design Contest is a great way to put their talent on display and add unique designs to the library cards. It's also a great way to engage children and teenagers with their local library."

Artists are limited to one entry per person. Artwork must be portrait or landscape orientation and up to 7 inches x 11 inches in size. Professional artists will review entries and select finalists. Then, in the coming months, the public will vote online for their favorite designs in two age groups ages (5-11 and 12-18).

In the fall, the Library System will convert the designs into 10,000 library cards for each selected drawing, and people throughout Pierce County may choose the library card as their card for use in checking out books, movies and other materials from the 19 Pierce County Libraries.

Learn more about the Library Card Design Contest or submit an entry at cardcontest.pcls.us.

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed <u>Pierce County Library System</u> serves 655,000 people throughout Pierce County with 19 libraries and online services. The system is the fourth largest in the state and property taxes are the main funding source. People may choose from more than one million books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials. Pierce County Library is committed to directing services in three primary areas: learning, enjoyment and community connection. Its services and programs spark success for Pierce County residents. More than 2 million people visit Pierce County Libraries each year. The Library provides services and programs directly to people in adult care facilities, people who are homebound, and to children in childcare centers and schools. <u>Pierce County Libraries are located</u> at Anderson Island, Bonney Lake, Buckley, DuPont, Eatonville, Fife, Gig Harbor, Graham, Key Center, Lakewood, Milton/Edgewood, Orting, Parkland/Spanaway, Pierce County Library Administrative Center, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district. <u>pierceCoLibrary</u> <u>facebook.com/PierceCoLibrary</u>

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