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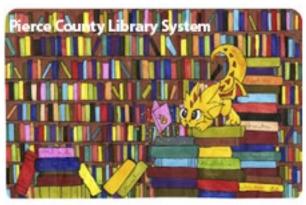
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Congratulations to talented Pierce County Library card design contest winners

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington – Congratulations to Lilly Frick, age 11, a Buckley resident, and Annika Shearer, age 12, a Gig Harbor resident, for their winning designs in the Pierce County Library System's Card Design Contest! Frick won in the category for ages 5-11, and Shearer won in the category for ages 12-18.

More than 3,000 people participated in the online voting to select the winning designs from nearly 600 children and teenagers. People may view the winning artwork online at cardcontest.pcls.us.



Lilly Frick Design

"All of the entries showed the children's and teenagers' amazing art and their love for their library and reading," said Pierce County Library Executive Director Gretchen Caserotti. "The thousands of people who voted on the designs had a difficult decision to choose from the inspiring and creative drawings."

In all, 569 students living or attending school in Pierce County submitted original designs in the free contest. Professional artist Brittnee Sylvester reviewed entries and selected six finalists for two age groups: elementary and middle school/high school.

In the coming months, people may choose from these two new student-designed cards as their Pierce County Library card.

A <u>Pierce County Library</u> card is the ticket to a world of information and imagination through books, e-books, audiobooks, movies and other materials.



Pierce County Library System Annika Shearer Design

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,

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