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Voting begins for next Pierce County Library card designed by kids and teens

PIERCE COUNTY, Washington –Vote for your favorite Library Card Design Contest finalists. Pierce County Library System needs residents to cast their votes for the next library card designed by local students at <u>cardcontest.pcls.us</u> **now through Sunday, Nov. 30**.

This year's free contest received more than 500 entries from students who live and attend school in Pierce County. The entries were reviewed by a local artist and finalists were selected from each age group.

For ages 5-11 select from cards designed by: Gabbi Ritz, age 11, Orting Middle School; Annabelle Rouda, age 10, Elk Plain School of Choice; Juni Richter, age 10, Minter Creek Elementary School; Kaylie Kim, age 11, Edgemont Junior High; Everest Wutzer, age 11, Hunt Middle School and Violet Wilson, age 10, Swift Water Elementary School.

For ages 12-18 select from cards designed by: Sequoia Sosa, age 13, Homeschool; Aj Fournier, age 15, Homeschool; Arabella Burnett, age 15, Homeschool; June Middleton, age 15, Peninsula High School; Sophia Hanson, age 16, Running Start, Zainab Qayyum, age 13, Mountain View Middle School and Grace Kim, age 17, Curtis Senior High School.

The public will have the chance to vote in both age categories. The winning designs will be announced following the public vote and will be available to customers starting in January of 2026.

Learn more at cardcontest.pcls.us.

About Pierce County Library System

The nationally acclaimed <u>Pierce County Library System</u> serves 680,000 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. People make approximately one million visits to 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, South Hill, Steilacoom, Summit, Sumner, Tillicum and University Place. Pierce County Library is an independent municipal corporation and operates as a junior taxing district.

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