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Oakland Public Library to Announce Library Card Design Contest Winners at Award Ceremony and Art Show

Oakland, CA – Be among the first to see the new OPL library card designs!

On Wednesday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m., during National Library Week, the Oakland Public Library (OPL) will announce the winners of its first Library Card Design Contest. There will be a display of all the art that was entered along with a ceremony announcing and celebrating the winners.

Over 300 entries were received and six winners were selected. Each winner will have their design on an Oakland Public Library card in circulation, and patrons getting a library card will get to choose which design they want.

The contest was divided into three age levels – children (0-12), teen (13-18), and adult (19+), and two winners were selected from each age level. Judges named their top choice in each level, and the public chose a second winner. The public winners were determined by tallying up the number of “likes” each entry received on OPL’s Facebook page where **more than 10,500 votes were cast**.

Our panel of esteemed judges was selected for their expertise and talent as well as their contributions to the local arts community. Included on the panel were authors and illustrators Mac Barnett, Todd Parr, Mary Roach, and Robert Liu-Trujillo. For a complete list of panelists and links to their work, visit:

oaklandlibrary.org/librarycardcontest.

Several themes emerged in the hundreds of entries. Among them were trees, books, Lake Merritt, the iconic buildings of Oakland, and the cranes in the Oakland Port.

"Trying to select a winner from all the entries was way more difficult than I thought it would be," Adam Twain, judge, library employee, and bass player/singer in local band Pomegranate stated "but one thing is clear - they all reflected creativity, diversity, pride for the City of Oakland and love for their libraries. To me, they're all winners!"

Entries can be viewed on the library’s Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/OakLibrary

Says Library Director, Gerry Garzon, “For library patrons, a library card is your key to all of the resources made available at the Oakland Public Library – including books, music, online media such as *The New York Times*, free museum passes, e-books and e-magazines, online databases, children’s toys, seeds from the seed

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library, and much, much more.”

The April 12th event gives attendees the opportunity to check out some amazing local talent and celebrate with winners and judges. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition to being seen on OPL’s library cards, the winners will be displayed on AC Transit busses in April and May.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Oakland Public Library and AC Transit.

Event Details:

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 - 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Main Library, Bradley, C. Walters Community Room, 125 14th Street

For more information, please visit www.oaklandlibrary.org or contact Sharon McKellar, Community Relations Librarian, at 510-238-3513 or smckellar@oaklandlibrary.org.

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