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Winning Designs Announced for New Library Cards

Oakland, CA – The Oakland Public Library is thrilled to present the six winning artwork designs in the Library Card Design Contest.

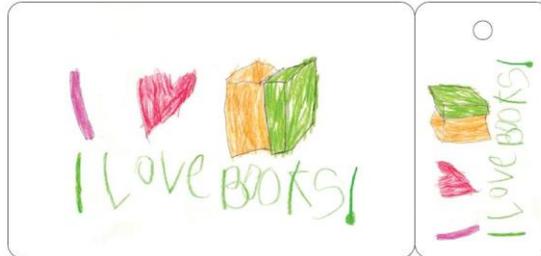
Over 300 entries were received and six winners were selected. Each winner’s design will be featured on an Oakland Public Library card, and patrons getting a new library card will get to choose which design they want.

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. A panel of official 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, Janine Macbeth, Todd Parr, Mary Roach, and Robert Liu-Trujillo. For a complete list of panelists and links to their work, visit: oaklandlibrary.org/librarycardcontest.

"Trying to select a winner from all the entries was way more difficult than I thought it would be," stated Adam Twain (judge, library employee, and bass player/singer in local band Pomegranate), "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!"

Public Choice, Children’s Category: I love books!



Art by Sophia Ng, age 4

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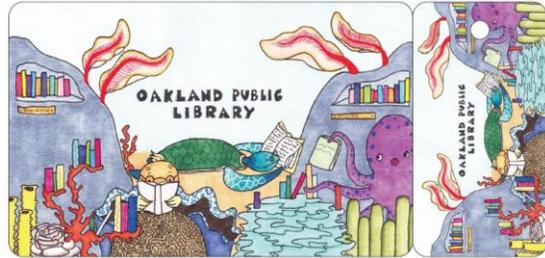
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Judges' Choice, Children's Category: Happy Books



Art by Jacob Paltiel, age 5

Public and Judges' Choice, Teen Category: Bait Reeled In



Art by Hanna Chang, age 16

Public and Judges' Runner-Up, Teen Category: The Best Playground



Art by Naya Chang, age 16

Public Choice, Adult Category: Untitled



Art by Lea Zalinskis

Judges' Choice, Adult Category: Knowledge is my Superpower!



Art by Katy Tanis

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The library also named nine designs as honorable mentions. Although their art will not appear on a library card, it was exceptional and enjoyed by both the public and our panel of judges. The people who received an Honorable Mention are: Amalia Campbell, Aurora Campbell and Saskia Lee, Charlene Din, Gillian Dreher, Dina Fukunaga-Brates, Lori Anne Fischer, Tansy Moon, Milana Munden, Sofia Reeves, and K-Fai Steele.

Said Library Director, Gerry Garzón, “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 library, and much, much more.”

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

All entries can be viewed on the library’s Facebook page at [facebook.com/oaklibrary](https://www.facebook.com/oaklibrary).

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

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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