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***Worcester Public Library Announces
Library Card Design Contest Winners***

Worcester, MA – The Worcester Public Library (WPL) announces the following winners in the Library Card Design Contest: in the youth category (ages 0-11) the winner is Azaliyah Ortiz with her reader with an umbrella design; in the teen category (ages 12-17) the winner is Elisabet Febo for her manga-style reader design; and in the adult category the winner is K-Fai Steele for her cats reading design.

The library card design contest was part of the festivities for September's National Library Card Sign-up Month. Limited edition library cards featuring these designs will be available in the winter of 2022-23.

WPL received 277 entries for the contest. The entries were narrowed down to three finalists by a committee composed of Acting City Manager Eric Batista; Vanessa Calixto, founder and creative director of El Salón; Kate Sawisch, WPL's access services coordinator; Myla Salmela, circulation assistant at WPL; and Linnea Sheldon, WPL's community relations and communications manager. The final designs were then put out to a public vote, with 772 people submitting votes.

The finalists for the youth category were Azaliyah Ortiz, Jameson Cates, and Sophia Homes. The finalists for the teen category were Elisabet Febo, Claudia Kabanov, and Lucia Vidal. The finalists for the adult category were K-Fai Steele, Abigail Hannaford-Ricardi, and Elizabeth Rudt.

For more information on the Worcester Public Library and a complete list of events and programs visit mywpl.org. For more information on the library card design contest and Library Card Sign-up Month, contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager, at 508-799-1654 or lsheldon@mywpl.org.

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