

**Proclamation to Honor the Winners of the 4th
Troy Public Library Card Design Contest**

WHEREAS, The **Troy Public Library** has 60,215 card holders across the City of Troy, who have access to over 300,000 physical and digital resources, as well as to hundreds of programs, speakers, and events per year. The Troy Public Library welcomes approximately 450 new Library card holders per month and there is a Troy Library card holder in approximately 66% of the households in Troy, who have checked out over one million items in the last fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, The Troy Public Library Card Design Contest has revealed impressive, local artistic talent over the years, while also giving the Troy community a platform in which to compete. In 2025, the Troy Library held its fourth Library Card Design Contest, where artists were challenged to submit a creative design in a medium of their choice for a limited run of new Troy Library cards, in three age categories: Youth, Teen, and Adult; and

WHEREAS, The winner in the Youth age group was **Kanishka Suresh Babu**, whose design won over 100 others in her category. Kanishka is 12 years old and attends Boulan Park Middle School. She has always been passionate about drawing since she was a child, starting with scribbles. Kanishka loves the TPL and believes it is one of the best places in Troy, with many books and kind staff members who are ready to help; and

WHEREAS, The winner in the Teen age group was **Viha Kini**, whose design won over 10 other teen submissions. Viha, a 7th grade student at Boulan Park Middle School, is 13 years old. She loves books and art and has been drawing since the age of four. She has always loved expressing ideas in art and would draw pictures for everything. Viha enjoys using the TPL's book collection and attending programs; and

WHEREAS, The winner in the Adult category is **Kristina Le**, whose design won over 24 other entries. Kristina has always been drawn to art ever since she could hold a pencil and drew all over the walls in her house as a child. When she saw this opportunity to share her love of the Library, she knew she had to enter. Kristina often visits the TPL's children's section with her two kids who enjoy the toy rotation and how there's always something new whenever they visit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Troy hereby congratulate **Kanishka Suresh Babu, Viha Kini, and Kristina Le**, for their winning designs in the **Fourth Library Card Design Contest**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and City Council thank the winners of the **Library Card Design Contest** for showing the breadth of creativity within our community. All residents are invited to visit the Troy Public Library and swap out existing cards for a winning design -- or to apply for a new card if you do not have one -- to continue to make the Troy Public Library one of our busiest and most cherished public institutions.

Presented this 9th Day of June 2025