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High Point Public Library Named Finalist for 2022 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service

HIGH POINT, N.C.—The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced today that High Point Public Library is among 30 finalists for the 2022 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. High Point Public Library is one of three institutions in North Carolina to be selected as a finalist for this award. The Asheville Art Museum in Asheville and Neuse Regional Libraries in Kinston are also finalists.

The National Medal is the nation’s highest honor given to museums and libraries that demonstrate significant impact in their communities. For more than 25 years, the award has honored institutions that demonstrate excellence in service to their communities.

“Public libraries, as trusted local institutions, are uniquely situated to respond to community needs through strong partnerships and shared efforts. Because of this, we’ve been able to effectively adapt existing programs and services and add new ones to address food insecurity, chronic health issues and other significant issues using our network of partners and supporters,” said Library Director Mary Sizemore. “We embrace our role and our responsibility to serve in this way and will continue to strive to meet the high expectations that our leadership and our community place on us.”

“So many museums, so many libraries have done such good work over the last two very difficult years. We are proud to present the 30 finalists for the IMLS National Medal,” said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. “Their work is emblematic of the response of the library and museum worlds to simultaneously fulfilling their mission and serving their communities.”

To celebrate this honor, IMLS is encouraging High Point Public Library’s community members to share stories, memories, pictures, and videos on social media using the #ShareYourStory and #IMLSmedals hashtags, and engage with IMLS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). For more information, please visit the [IMLS website](#).

National Medal winners will be announced in early June. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions during a virtual National Medal Ceremony this summer.

To see the full list of finalists and learn more about the National Medal, visit the [IMLS website](#).

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