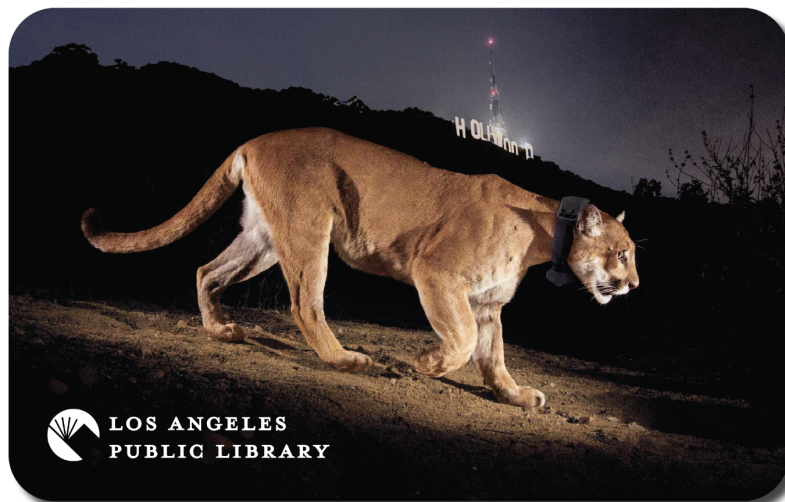


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**Los Angeles Public Library Issues Special Limited-Edition Library Card
Honoring Mountain Lion P-22**

Exclusive P-22 library cards available at libraries citywide while supplies last



LOS ANGELES (February 21, 2023)—Beginning February 22, 2023, the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) will offer a limited-edition library card to honor P-22 and feature the importance of natural spaces and biodiversity of wildlife in our shared habitat. Courtesy of Steve Winter and National Geographic, the image on the card pays tribute to [P-22](#), the mountain lion that captured the hearts and attention of Los Angeles and the world for many years.

After Angelenos from all walks of life mourned the loss of P-22 in December 2022, LAPL live streamed the Celebration of Life that the National Wildlife Federation presented on February 4 at The Greek Theatre in Griffith Park. LAPL hosted in-person gatherings to stream the program at 11 libraries across the city, allowing the community to come together in remembrance.

“The Los Angeles Public Library is thrilled to offer this limited-edition library card that highlights the importance of nurturing the relationship between wildlife and humanity to ensure our shared future,” said City Librarian John F. Szabo. “Angelenos love their library, and they certainly loved P-22, and we are pleased to bring these loves together as a natural extension of our sustainability and biodiversity efforts and neighborhood science programming.”

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The Los Angeles Public Library and Library Foundation of Los Angeles' ALOUD series is also presenting "[How P-22 United Our City: Love Letters to L.A.'s Favorite Cat](#)," on February 22 at 7 p.m. at Los Angeles Central Library's Taper Auditorium. The program features California Regional Executive Director for the National Wildlife Federation's Beth Pratt, Senior Manager of Community Science for Natural History Museum Miguel Ordeñana, Chumash and Tataviam Elder Alan Salazar, journalist Martha Groves, and author Sherry Mangel-Ferber, sharing stories about this beloved animal followed by an open mic for those who wish to share remembrances.

Celebrating 150 years of service, the Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest and most diverse urban population of any library in the nation. A recipient of the nation's highest honor for library service—the National Medal from the Institute of Museum and Library Services—its Central Library, 72 branch libraries, collection of more than eight million books, state-of-the art technology accessible at lapl.org and thousands of public programs provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for lifelong learning.

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