



**March 28, 2023**

**Media Contacts**

West Warwick Public Library Contact: Colin McCullough, [colin@wwpl.org](mailto:colin@wwpl.org), 401-828-3750

IMLS Contact: Savannah Young, [syoung@vancomm.com](mailto:syoung@vancomm.com), 202-248-5446

**West Warwick Public Library Named Finalist for 2023 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service**

**WEST WARWICK, R.I.**—The Institute of Museum and Library Services announced today that West Warwick Public Library is among 30 finalists for the 2023 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This is the third consecutive year that West Warwick Public Library has been selected as a finalist for this award.

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.

“To be named as a finalist for the 2023 National Medal by the IMLS is a huge honor,” said Library Director Colin McCullough. “To be recognized in this way for the third year in a row, however, speaks to the exemplary service that our outstanding staff provides to the West Warwick community year on year. The library has emerged from the challenges of recent times stronger than ever, broadening the range of services, programs, and resources we offer and with a renewed commitment to identifying and meeting the needs of all of our patrons as fully as possible. We are proud to be a welcoming, inclusive space at the heart of our community, and very honored to receive this national recognition once again.”

“So many museums and libraries across the country are committed to providing programs that are vital to the health and growth of engaged communities. We are very proud to announce the 30 finalists for this year’s IMLS National Medal,” said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. “These institutions represent the best of what museums and libraries do for their communities.”

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

National Medal winners will be announced in late May. Representatives from winning institutions will be honored for their extraordinary contributions during an in-person National Medals Ceremony this summer.

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

**About the Institute of Museum and Library Services**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. We advance, support, and empower America’s museums, libraries, and related organizations through grantmaking, research, and policy development. Our vision is a nation where museums and libraries work together to transform the lives of individuals and communities. To learn more, visit [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov) and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

###