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### Virginia Association of Counties Recognizes Loudoun for Model Programs

Two Loudoun County programs have been recognized for excellence and innovation by the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo). The presentation of historic records by the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the Teen Micro Art Gallery at Loudoun County Public Library have received 2022 Achievement Awards from VACo.



#### Presenting the People's Records: Building Community Awareness of Historic Legacy

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Historic Records Division developed innovative virtual presentations of its popular historic records program that began with in-person public events in 2015. To broaden the educational value of the virtual programs, the Clerk's Office developed public and private partnerships with several Loudoun-based organizations involved in local historic preservation and interpretation. These partnerships resulted in the presentation of four virtual programs. In addition, the Clerk's Office created a series of local history trading cards — reminiscent of baseball trading cards — that reflect local history based upon actual court records retained in the Clerk's Office.

More information about the Clerk of the Circuit Court's Historic Records Division is online at [loudoun.gov/clerkarchives](http://loudoun.gov/clerkarchives).

#### Teen Micro Art Gallery at Loudoun County Public Library

To supply a need for fine art opportunities for teens, the Loudoun County Public Library created a Teen Micro Art Gallery at Brambleton Library where young artists can create, curate, and display original "micro" artwork. The goal of the program is to inspire teens by encouraging active learning and personal development through the visual arts. The initiative has created an innovative artistic outlet for local youth and partnerships and collaborations with schools, nonprofits and established artists in the community who have provided teen artists with career advice and mentorship.

More information about the programs and services of the Loudoun County Public Library is online at [library.loudoun.gov](http://library.loudoun.gov).

The Loudoun County programs were among 29 recipients of the 2022 Achievement Awards for which VACo received 100 submissions. More information about the awards program is available at [vaco.org](http://vaco.org). The Loudoun County government has a number of award-winning programs and services. Find out more at [loudoun.gov/awards](http://loudoun.gov/awards).

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