

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Mechanicsburg, Pa. – September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when public libraries in Cumberland County join the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

The theme for 2023 is Get in Your Element this September—sign up for a library card! From borrowing books, ebooks, and mobile hotspots to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending story time, you can do more of what you enjoy with a library card. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. Use your library card to tinker in a maker space and spark your creativity. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really—and everyone should have one!

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources, and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

"Signing up for a library card is easy," said Carolyn Blatchley, Library System Executive Director. "Just bring personal identification and proof of address to a library near you. With a few short questions, you'll have a card to unlock a world of possibilities!"

Cumberland County libraries, along with libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To learn about all the resources available to you from Cumberland County's public libraries, visit www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org



Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries work together in a national effort to ensure all children sign up for their own library card.

Cumberland County's public libraries – Amelia Givin in Mt. Holly Springs, Bosler Memorial in Carlisle, Coy Public Library of Shippensburg, East Pennsboro Branch Library in Enola, Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill, John Graham Library in Newville, New Cumberland Public Library, and Simpson Library in Mechanicsburg - lead their communities with educational, cultural, and entertainment programs, as well as authoritative and interesting materials.