

## Library Cards Empower Students and Fuel Academic Success

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.

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.

Libraries offer everything from early literacy programs to virtual homework help and GED classes, helping transform lives and communities through education. At all of the libraries in the Cumberland County Library System, you'll find a wide variety of educational resources and activities, including databases like Tutor.com and Tumblebooks, weekly storytimes, Take-Home Activity Kits, and free wifi.

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"A library card provides opportunity for discovery and access to a rich and diverse world. It empowers you to make change and experience new stories."

- **MARLEY DIAS**, Library Card Sign-Up Month Honorary Chair

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"Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children," said Carolyn Blatchley, Library System Executive Director. "We have library programs that serve students of all ages and backgrounds, programs such as Read to the Dogs, Summer Learning Program, Teen Scene, American Girl Doll book clubs, STEM-STEAM programs, and more."

Cumberland County libraries, along with libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library system's resources and programs, please visit <https://www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org>.

This year, Marley Dias, founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, author, and executive producer, is taking on a new role as honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month. In her new role, Dias will promote the value of libraries and encourage everyone to get their very own library card.

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.