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Cumberland County Library Cards: Help Empower Students and Fuel Academic Success

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.

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 libraries in the Cumberland County Library System, residents will find a wide variety of educational resources and activities, including databases like [Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) and Tumblebooks, weekly storytimes, Take-Home Activity Kits, and free Wi-Fi.

“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, STEM-STEAM programs, and more.”

Cumberland County libraries continue to adapt and expand services to meet the needs of the community. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library system’s resources and programs, visit www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.

Author, activist, and founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, 16-year-old Marley Dias, is the honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month. In her role, Dias who is promoting the value of libraries, encourages everyone to get a 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.

The Cumberland County Library System consists of seven federated local libraries, one branch facility, a system headquarters office, and an associated non-profit Foundation. The Library System provides support to its member libraries through information technology, securing library materials, older adult services, training opportunities, and administrative and financial services. More information on the Cumberland County Library System can be found at www.cumberlandcountylibraries.org.