

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month

Did you know that there are more public libraries in the United States than McDonald's restaurants? How about the fact that reference librarians at academic and public libraries answer 5.7 million questions every week? A line of patrons that long would stretch from Long Island, New York to Juneau, Alaska. Did you know that U.S. public libraries circulate almost as many items daily (7.9 million) as Fed Ex ships (8 million) worldwide?



Almost two-thirds of Americans have a library card, and with that card, they have access to not only books, DVDs and CDs, but also internet access, meeting room space, job search assistance, educational and entertaining programs, resources for small businesses, and a world of information just waiting for you at your local library.

September is National Library Card Sign Up Month, and there's never been a better time to get the smartest card you can have in your wallet. With everyone watching their budgets, the library card is the best deal around - all that information, entertainment and education is free with a library card.

Signing up for a library card is easy. Just visit any Alamance County Public Library branch with picture ID and proof of your local address. During the month of September, if you're signing up for your first library card with us, you'll be entered to win a \$25 gift card to Barnes and Noble.

While you're getting your card, take advantage of the many programs the library has to offer. From book clubs to movie nights and story times to crafting clubs, the library has something for everyone. We offer author events and lectures. Currently, the library is halfway through a film series on life in the U.S. during World War II. On Sunday, September 12 at May Memorial, we will be hosting Piedmont Laureate Zelda Lockhart for an afternoon reading. For more information on any of our programs, just stop by the library or pick up the phone and give us a call.

A library card is more than just a piece of plastic sitting in your wallet or on your key chain, it is a gateway to a world of opportunity. If you don't have one, drop by your local library and pick one up today.

Don't forget! The Friends of the Library 26th Annual Book Sale is going on now through September 21 at May Memorial Library. Stop by for some great bargains.

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