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Worcester Public Library Celebrates Library Card Sign-Up Month

During the month of September, Library Card Sign-Up Month reminds students and families that libraries are the key to academic success.

Worcester, MA – This September, the Worcester Public Library (WPL) is joining the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time to remind parents, caregivers and students that a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

To apply for a library card visit mywpl.org/get-library-card and fill out the application. Once your card is ready a staff member will contact you with details on how to pick it up and what you should bring with you. You can also apply for a library card in person, please have proof of your current address when you apply.

For one month only, the library will be giving out free replacement library cards. If you have misplaced your library card and would like a new one just visit any library location during the month of September, and we will replace it free of charge with proof of address. Library hours can be found at mywpl.org/locations-hours.

The help-desk staff is also available over the phone at 508-799-1655 ext. 2. Staff can help you renew your library card, sign up for a new library card, update contact information, access your account online, and discuss anything pertaining to your account including lost items.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library
perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

“Our library programs serve students of all ages, and we offer many tools to help them learn,” said Sulma Rubert-Silva, Interim Library Director. “In addition to early literacy resources and reading materials for all ages, we provide access to technology and digital tools they might not otherwise have access to, including Wi-Fi Hotspots, telescopes, databases, and other resources.”

Throughout the course of the month, the library will host a number of virtual activities, including author visits, workshops, arts and crafts activities, and much more.

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 across the country unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card. For more information on Library Card Sign-Up Month please contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager at 508-799-1654 or lsheldon@mywpl.org.

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