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## Worcester Public Library Celebrates Library Card Sign-Up Month

During the month of September new WPL card members will be entered to win a library swag bag!

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 everyone about the valuable resources available with a library card.

From borrowing books, ebooks, and audiobooks to getting homework help, learning new skills, or attending a book club or story time, a library card helps everyone do more of what they enjoy. All without stretching their budget.

This month, when you sign up for a new library card at the Worcester Public Library you will be entered into a drawing to win one of four WPL swag bags. The prizes will be awarded to the following age groups: children (0-11), teens (12-17), adults (18-59), and age 60 and up.

Worcester Public Library, along with libraries everywhere, continues to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To sign up for a library card visit any of our locations <u>mywpl.org/locations-hours</u>, please have proof of your current address when you apply.

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. Throughout the course of the month, the library will host a number of in-person and online activities for all ages, including author visits, workshops, arts and crafts activities, and much more. Visit <u>mywpl.org/online-calendar</u> for a complete list.

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 <u>lsheldon@mywpl.org</u>.

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