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September is Library Card Sign-up Month

A library card is your child's ticket to academic achievement

With the school year beginning, the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System reminds you that one of the simplest ways to support a child's academic success is by using your local library. September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries join with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to encourage every student to have the most important school supply of all – a free library card.

"Libraries offer a welcoming atmosphere to explore, discover and create," said Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System Director Mary Jean Jakubowski.

"Students can turn to the library for materials, programs, free WiFi and services that support their homework needs and academic goals. Whether that is through homework help, STEM programs or access to print, eBooks or databases, the library has something for everyone – all available with a free library card."

Library resources can be used from home, too - with 24/7 online access and links to educational resources for children, teens, parents, homeschoolers and teachers. Specifically, through the website www.BuffaloLib.org, one can find comprehensive and interactive online learning guides, including practice tests and tutorials designed to help both students and adults succeed on tests such as SATs and Civil Service exams. The Library website also has links to Common Core initiatives, award-winning book titles based on age and grade in school, and popular databases such as [World Book Kids](#) online encyclopedia, [Mango Language](#) foreign language tools, and [Biography in Context](#), to name just a few.

In September, all 37 libraries will host a number of programs, concerts and special activities. Each will also give away a book bag filled with goodies to one new library card holder. Additionally, City of Buffalo Branch Libraries will host a Block Club Day @ the Library on Saturday, September 27.

Library cards are for everyone and applications are available at all 37 local libraries and can be downloaded at: <http://www.buffalolib.org/content/borrower-information> and brought to the nearest library with a valid form of identification and proof of address. A parent or guardian with valid identification must accompany those under the age of 17 who wish to get a card.

Last year, over 7.8 million materials were borrowed through the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. Over 171,000 attended library programs and 874,000 computer sessions were logged.

To learn more about your Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries, visit: www.BuffaloLib.org. Fall hours, including Sunday hours and programs are posted on the website. Become a "Fan" of the Library on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#), [Pinterest](#) and [Flickr](#).

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