

# Show Us Your Library Card!



September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month. Of course, you can **get a library card** any time of the year, but in September, back-to-school season, we like to remind that a library card is an essential school tool. Just as important as having a notebook, folder and pen in your backpack, is having a library card tucked in your pocket. Best of all, library cards are *free* to Monroe County residents of all ages! In addition to giving you the ability to borrow books, movies and music, your library card provides you with access to a number of electronic resources the library has purchased especially for Monroe County residents to use. Some of these resources are designed for kids. To access them from outside the library, you will be prompted to enter your library card number. It's a simple step to gain entry to a wealth of authoritative information and images to suit your needs. You can find a complete list of electronic resources on our **A-Z Research Tools** page. Some e-resources and downloadable options of special interest to school-age children include:

- **Grolier Online** ? for information about states, countries, current events and more
- **Indiana Digital Media** ? to download ebooks and audiobooks, including titles for kids
- **Freegal** ? to download music. Once downloaded, songs are yours to keep



Your library card makes these reputable resources available to you around the clock. We love that you can access these resources even when our physical doors are closed for the night. But even more, we love to see young children come in to the library with their families ? with library card in hand. How many places can children go where they are welcome to pull items from the shelves, look through them and choose which ones they would like to take home? We are continually delighted to observe children claim their books or movies and then proudly walk up to the self-check machine and check them out to take home and enjoy. We see how empowered they are by this, the confidence it instills, and we know it helps launch them on their journey of life-long learning.

So next time you are in the library ? show us your library card! We'd love to hear what you like about it, and how you use it most. And in September and October, children who show us their library cards will receive a special sticker and bookmark ? and a chance to shout ?Hooray! I used my library card today!?

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