

"A Library Card Is Elemental"

Get in Your Element this September—sign up for a library card! Since 1987, **National Library Card Sign-Up Month** has been promoted in September to mark the beginning of the school year. From borrowing books, and eBooks, to getting homework help, a library card helps you do more of what you enjoy. Get a library card and dive into a new hobby. A library card is your most important school supply—it's elemental, really—and everyone should have one!

Visit your library to see what's new and take part in the celebration. Libraries across the country are participating. Do you have friends who don't have a library card? Invite them to sign up during September.

Show some love to your local library on social media by sharing how you make the most of your library card. Do you love the library's summer reading program, story time, or book club? Checking out DVDs, magazines, or audio CDs? Do you simply enjoy getting lost in the magic of a good book? **We want to know how YOU library!**

Participating is easy:

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1. Snap a pic or shoot a video showcasing what you love about the library.
2. Post to Instagram, X, or on the I Love Libraries Facebook page with the hashtag #HowILibrary.
3. Tag your library and your friends to help spread the word!

What's in it for you? In addition to the gratification of supporting libraries, there's also a chance to win great prizes. One randomly selected winner will receive a \$150 gift card from the American Library Association, and three second-place winners will receive a poster of their choice from the ALA Store.

So, let's see those book stacks, creative reading spots, and all the adventures that libraries take you on! If you don't have a photo to share, check out the Library Elements graphics at ilovelibraries.org.

Join the #HowILibrary movement, and let's make this the best Library Card Sign-up Month ever!

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