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### **Kent County Levy Court Declares September “Library Card Sign-Up Month”**

September is a great time to visit the Kent County Public Library. Joining libraries nationwide, the Kent County Public Library reminds everyone that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Kent County Levy Court Commissioners recognize the supportive role libraries and librarians play in transforming lives and communities through education; and, at its August 14, Combined Business and Committee meetings, unanimously voted to designate September, Library Card Sign-up Month.

A library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available. It provides free access to STEAM (science, technology engineering, arts and math) programs, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help and technology workshops. 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 libraries as a source of lifelong learning.

The Kent County Public Library has two specialized library cards, “My First Library Card” and Educator Cards. The “My First Library Card” allows children up to 5 years old, to check out juvenile items, no more than 12 at a time, with no fines for overdue materials. The Educator Cards allow public and private K-12 school librarians, teachers, and homeschoolers who work in Delaware, special benefits. Educator Cards may borrow and request up to 99 items, have extended loan periods, and also, allows multiple copy request service.

Free library cards are available at the front desk of the Kent County Public Library, 497 S. New Haven Lane, Dover, DE.

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