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## Berks Libraries Celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month

*For immediate release*—This September, Berks County libraries are encouraging everyone to stop by their local library to register for a library card as part of Library Card Sign-up Month. 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.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries work together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card, but everyone—regardless of age—is encouraged to sign up.

A standard Berks County Public Libraries card is available to anyone who lives, works, or goes to school in Berks County and allows cardholders to:

- Borrow over 1 million materials in the shared countywide catalog
- Download thousands of eBooks and eAudiobooks
- Access subscriptions tools such as genealogy and investment research
- Utilize public access computers and Microsoft Suite programs

These and other services are available free to library cardholders. Lost your library card? Receive a free replacement by visiting any of the 23 Berks County Public Libraries locations. Find a library near you by visiting [www.berkslibraries.org](http://www.berkslibraries.org).

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*If you would like more information about this topic, please contact your local library or visit [www.berkslibraries.org/get-the-card](http://www.berkslibraries.org/get-the-card).*

**About the Berks County Library System:** The Berks County Public Library (BCPL) System is a department of the County of Berks, serving 428,849 county residents across 866 square miles and 72 municipalities since 1986. Through the support of the Berks County commissioners, BCPL staff aids in strengthening the Berks County community by providing centralized support for the 19 full-service member libraries and four branches. For more information, please visit [www.berkslibraries.org](http://www.berkslibraries.org).