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### What Do You Know About Your Library?

Natchitoches, LA, September 8, 2021 – September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Natchitoches Parish Library (NPL) joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources, and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

The NPL offers everything from early literacy programs to live and virtual homework help, introducing the opportunity to transform lives and communities through education. At the NPL, you'll find a wide variety of educational resources and activities, including no-cost ACT/SAT and HiSET practice testing, along with digital checkout of books, and online access to learning modules for coding, photography, and other technology skills.

"Libraries play an important role in the education and development of their communities," said Alan Niette, NPL Community Outreach Coordinator. "For students in our parish, we have library programs that serve all ages and backgrounds, such as in-person afterschool tutoring for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades, as well as online live tutors seven days a week for all grade levels, including college."

The NPL, along with libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of their communities. During September, the NPL will have a "Library Quiz" for teens and adults to complete for a chance to win a Kindle Fire, courtesy of the Friends of the Natchitoches Parish Library. The quiz can be picked up at any circulation desk and must be completed and turned in by 6 PM Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

This year, Marley Dias, founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, author, and executive producer is taking on a new role as honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month. In her new role, Dias will promote the value of libraries and encourage everyone to get their very own library card.

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries work together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card.

For more information on getting a library card you may visit either library branch location, call 318-357-3280, or message the NPL on Facebook.

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The NPL hosts in-person after-school tutoring for preschool and elementary students, Monday through Friday, from 3-6 PM. Appointments are recommended and can be made by calling 318-238-9222.

### **About the Natchitoches Parish Library**

Knowledge. Connection. Community. The Natchitoches Parish Library serves the public and community through its competent and friendly staff by providing services and programs aimed at meeting the informational, recreational, and educational needs of our patrons. We seek to provide a beneficial and usable collection of information and activities to connect Natchitoches Parish residents to the world.