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“This is the way...” To a World of Resources

Natchitoches, LA, September 21, 2022 – 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 across the US unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card. Plus, this month only, you can get a new or replacement “Baby Yoda” library card from the Natchitoches Parish Library (NPL).

Throughout the school year, NPL staff will assist parents and caregivers while saving them hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. From free access to STEAM programs/activities, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help, and technology workshops, to the expertise of librarians, a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available to residents, workers, and students in Natchitoches Parish.

Perhaps you saw the NPL out at one of the high school football games this month, on campus at NSU, or on the riverbank at the Meat Pie Festival? The library makes special efforts to reach parish residents where they are to let them know about all of the resources available to them and their families from their local library.

But don't feel like you've missed out if you did not catch them out in the community this month! You can always sign up for your free Natchitoches Parish Library (NPL) card by going by simply texting “LIBRARYCARD” to 318-357-3280 or visiting any circulation desk at either branch location. 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.

Once you have your card, you will have access to early literacy programs, live and virtual homework help, resume writing and career assistance, ACT/SAT and HiSET practice testing, along with digital checkout of books, and online access to learning modules for coding, photography, social media marketing, and other professional development video courses. The NPL exists to share these assets with parish residents, providing the opportunity to transform lives through knowledge, connection, and community.

To wrap up Library Card Sign-up Month, everyone is invited to a Fall Family Carnival on the NPL's front lawn on Friday, September 30, from 4-5:30 PM, where there will be games and treats provided by the Friends of the NPL (FONPL). Then, at 7 PM, the library will be showing its Fall Family Flick, “Cars,” on their big screen, just outside the NPL. Free refreshments will be provided by the FONPL. Attendees are asked to bring blankets or chairs for seating in the rear parking lot.

For a full schedule of NPL classes and events, visit [natlib.org](http://natlib.org) and follow the NPL on social media.

PHOTOS:

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-Meat Pie Fest.jpg

NPL Community Outreach Coordinator, Alan Niette, shares about library resources while a patron receives a prize at the Natchitoches Meat Pie Festival. The NPL also provided free face painting and cotton candy, with the Bookmobile also present with items available for checkout.

-Fall Family Flick.jpg

-NPL Logo.jpg

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.