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## Public Library

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### **San Diego Public Library Invites Everyone to “Get Carded” in September** *September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month*

**SAN DIEGO** – September is national Library Card Sign-Up Month, and the City of San Diego Public Library wants to remind you that “The Smartest Card is @ your library” – it’s your library card.

“A library card is ticket to opportunity for everyone,” said San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy. “I encourage adults and children to take this opportunity during Library Card Sign-Up Month to apply for and use their library cards. There are many great programs, events and services awaiting them at their local libraries.”

To promote Library Card Sign-Up Month, the library is joining the Public Library Association, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and public libraries across the country to promote “The Smartest Card @ your library,” a campaign to make the library card the most valued and used card in every wallet. The campaign also reminds the public that public libraries are partners for vibrant and educated communities, essential for a free people, and places of opportunity.

“The City’s libraries are dynamic centers for education, information and entertainment,” said City Library Director Anna Tatár. “What other card in your wallet gives you free access to books and CDs, magazines and movies and all sorts of other resources that can change your life – or just make it a little more fun?”

Activities at San Diego Public Library locations in September include author events, art presentations, workshops, storytime reading hours, lectures, film screenings, stage productions, and much, much more.

For more information on how you can sign up for your library card, visit or call one of the City’s 35 libraries, or see the library’s Web site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/> .

Observed since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when the ALA and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

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### 52 Ways to Use Your Library Card

(One reason a week, that's all you need)

1. Get to know your librarian, the ultimate search engine at your library.
2. Browse your favorite Web site(s).
3. Plan your next vacation.
4. Find a list of childcare centers in your area.
5. Learn about local candidates for office.
6. Pick up voter registration information.
7. Reserve the latest mystery.
8. Pick up a video.
9. Listen to a classical CD.
10. Participate in a community forum.
11. Find out how to navigate the Internet.
12. Prepare your resume.
13. Get new ideas for redecorating your house.
14. Get a list of community organizations.
15. Attend a lecture or workshop.
16. Hear a local author reading his/her latest novel.
17. Join a book discussion group.
18. Attend preschool story hour with your child.
19. Get homework help.
20. Look up all kinds of health information.
21. Research the purchase of a new car.
22. Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
23. Call the reference desk if you have a question.
24. Research your term paper.
25. Learn about the history of your city or town.
26. Decide which computer to buy using a consumer guide.
27. Check your stock portfolio.
28. Read a newspaper from another country.
29. Borrow an audiobook for your next road trip.
30. Use the library's resources to start a small business.
31. See a new art exhibit.
32. Volunteer as a literacy tutor.
33. Find a new recipe.
34. Ask for a recommended reading list for your children.
35. Make photocopies.
36. Get a book from interlibrary loan.
37. Enroll your child in a summer reading program.
38. Take a computer class.
39. Hear a poetry reading.
40. Take out the latest fashion magazine.
41. Enjoy a concert.
42. Trace your family tree.
43. Check out a special collection of rare books.
44. Check out a legal question or issue.
45. Find out how to file a consumer complaint.
46. Get nostalgic by looking at old magazines.
47. Borrow some sheet music.
48. Learn how to use a database or computerized catalog.
49. Find the latest romance paperback.
50. Pick up tax forms.
51. Get some Internet training.
52. Find a quiet spot, curl up with a book and enjoy.

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