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Hartford Public Library Celebrates Library Card Sign-Up Month Throughout September



Jama, a former team leader at the Hartford Public Library Camp Field Branch, shows off his best accessory – his library card.

(Hartford, Connecticut) – Every parent wants their child to succeed, and one of the simplest ways you can ensure your child’s academic success is by making a quick trip to the library. **September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when Hartford Public Library (HPL) joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card.**

With a library card, students can turn to the library for educational materials not found in schools, use computers, receive help with research, and utilize programs and services that support academic achievement. In the past year, HPL provided more than 38,000 computer sessions to Hartford students.

In addition to in-person resources, a Hartford Public Library card offers access to important online educational and research opportunities, including a full catalog of ebooks, magazine, journal and newspaper articles, Worldcrunch global newspaper database, music, movies, and more.

“Our library provides a [safe and](#) welcoming atmosphere where students young and old can explore, discover and create,” says Matt Poland, Hartford Public Library CEO. “Students learn in a variety of ways, [and](#) thanks to the resources available at the library we can meet the needs of all ages and types of learners. Whether ~~that is~~ through homework help, STEAM [\(Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math\)](#) programs or access print and e-books, the library has something for everyone – all ~~with a~~ free [with a](#) library card. ~~It is for these reasons that~~[That’s why](#) a library card is [the](#) most important school supply of all.”

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New library card applicants [of all ages](#) may sign up at any HPL location with a valid state [photo](#) identification card [\(students may use their school IDs\)](#) and proof of address. ~~For babies and toddlers, parents can register them for a card, and parents can even register younger children for their own card.~~ Residents living outside ~~the city~~[Hartford](#) may also sign up for a Hartford Public Library card by bringing in their hometown library card, and enjoy many of the free resources available at the city branches.

~~For every new card issued this month, you~~[Every new card applicant this month will receive a discount card from to The Kitchen at Hartford Public Library - ,10% off your next purchase of some of the best food in the City!](#)

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For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the any Hartford Public Library location in person or visit the library online at [hplct.org](#).

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