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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE September is Library Card Sign-Up Month HC-2018-43 Hendersonville, NC – August 23, 2018

A library card provides endless opportunities to transform the school year. As students prepare to head back to school, there is one essential school supply that requires no shopping and doesn't cost a penny – it's a library card.

This September, Henderson County Public Library is joining with the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-up Month, to encourage parents, caregivers and students to obtain a free library card that will save them money while reaping rewards in academic achievement and lifelong learning. With the Student Access program, Henderson County public school students now have an instant library card with their student ID number!

Whether it's providing free access to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help or technology workshops, a library card is one of the most cost effective back-to-school supplies. Resources at the Henderson County Public Library are available to anyone with a library card or student ID number.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

"Throughout the school year, our library offers a variety of programs to stimulate an interest in reading and learning," said Lisa Donaldson, Youth Services Coordinator, "Storytime exposes young children to the joy of reading and encourages school readiness, while older children have access to technology and digital tools."



This year, Disney's Incredibles are Library Card Sign-up Month honorary chairs, helping to promote the value of a library card and bring attention to the many ways libraries and librarians transform lives and communities through education. During September, children birth to preschool who register for their first library card at any Henderson County Public Library location can choose a free book. Patrons from kindergarten through adult who use their library card or student ID number during the month of September can enter for a chance to win a prize pack or Kindle HD Fire.

The mission of the Henderson County Public Library is to provide informational, educational, cultural, and recreational services to the residents of Henderson County.

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