

The most powerful card in your wallet

Reading, research, genealogy, movies at your fingertips

A library card is more than just a card. It's the most powerful card in your wallet. That is the message our libraries are sharing this September as we celebrate National Library Card Sign-up Month. Our goal is to encourage you to get a library card by highlighting how a library card (and your library) can make life easier for you.

With a card from any library in Jefferson or Waukesha County, you have access to all 24 libraries in both counties, since they're all part of the Bridges Library System. That's over 2 million items you have access to.

But wait, there's more! Take a look at what a library card really is:

■ **Your "Borrow, Don't Buy" Card:** Why buy when you can borrow? With a library card, you get free

access to books, movies, magazines, newspapers, and more, like flower and veggie seeds, zoo passes, and even kayaks. So put away your credit card and pull out your library card. You can borrow so many things from your local library!

■ **Your "Build A Resume" Card:** Whether you're out of work or looking for a life change, get prepared for the job market at the library with resources, computer access, and expert help from information professionals (librarians!) You can even build the perfect resume for the job you want with Cypress Resume, a free online tool you can use



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with your library card.

■ **Your "Find Your Ancestors" Card:** Searching for Great-Aunt Mildred? The top genealogy websites charge you hundreds of dollars a year, or you can use AncestryLibrary for free. Log on, build your tree, and save some green.

■ **Your "Friday Night Movie" Card:** You can spend money at the movie theater or the video store. Or you can check out a stack of movies to last you all weekend long, free at your library. Which will you choose?

■ **Your "Learn Something New" Card:** Drawing, speaking a new language, grant writing, accounting basics. Whatever you want to learn, you can do it with a library card through Gale Courses online classes. Each class runs for six weeks and you can do it at your own pace, on your own time, totally free.

■ **Your "Read on the Go" Card:** Life is busy. But don't let that stop you from

reading. Whether you're in a car, on a plane, or riding the bus, you can check out and read free ebooks and audiobooks on your phone, tablet or computer with the library's Libby app.

■ **Your "Save More Money" Card:** Thanks to our new partnership with Costco Wholesale, you can get a Costco Cash Card when you sign up for a new Costco membership and show your library card at the Pewaukee Costco Wholesale store. There are so many ways to save money with a library card.

Are you excited to get a library card now? I hope so! You can stop by your local library to get one; show a photo ID and proof of residence and you will be all set. You can also sign up for a temporary library card online at www.getyour-librarycard.org. Welcome to the library and everything it has to offer you!

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