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September is Library Card Sign-up Month and the Burleson Public Library wants to make sure that all children, and residents, of Burleson have the smartest card of all . . . a library card.

Getting a library card is easy, **and free**, if you live in Burleson or own property within the city limits of Burleson. Non-resident cards cost \$25, for a single user, for one year of unlimited checkouts from the Burleson Public Library. Family memberships for non-residents are \$50 for one year of unlimited checkouts.

“A library card has always been the most important school supply of all,” Gwen Hayward, library circulation supervisor, said. “Children can come to the library to get homework help and check out books but they can also play games, check out music, books and DVDs and use the Internet to help make after-school life fun. There’s a lot happening here and the best part is that it’s all free with a library card.”

Stop by the library to get your card today! You will need to fill out an application, then turn in your application and show a photo identification card at the circulation desk. If you are under 18 years old, bring a parent or legal guardian. If the address on your ID card is not correct, you need proof of residence, which includes a printed personal check, utility bill from the City of Burleson, first class mail, vehicle insurance, vehicle registration, a lease agreement or a pay stub.

Observed since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all. Olympic gold medalist and 2008 Women’s National Basketball Association Rookie of the Year Candace Parker is the honorary chairman of Library Card Sign-up Month.

For more information about your Burleson Public Library, stop by 248 S.W. Johnson Ave., 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday; call 817-426-9210; or log on to www.burlesonlibrary.com.