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At the Library: Sign up for a library card this month

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Can you name the one free item that gives you access to nearly everything on the web, free wi-fi, desktop computers and thousands of books, magazines, DVDs and CDs? And even provides your very own personal human search engine to help you find what you're looking for?

Stumped?

It's a library card.

Celebrated throughout the month of September, National Library Card Sign-Up Month is the perfect time to check out what the library has to offer by signing up for a library card.

Together with your friends and neighbors, you can enjoy not just great books but also classic and current DVD releases, CDs from your favorite artists and free Internet. The library is also the go-to place for quiet study rooms, book discussion groups, musical performances, author readings, story hours and other wonderful programs for all ages.

Come meet our friendly and knowledgeable librarians who are available to help recommend materials for all interests and ages as well as teach critical technology searching skills for health needs, job seeking and consumer resources. They can even show you how to use your new iPad or e-reader.

And, parents, did you know a library card is your child's most important school supply? National studies show that children who are read to at home and who use the library regularly perform better at school and are more likely to see the library as a place for life-long enjoyment and learning.

Our library cards are free to residents of Orange, Person and Caswell counties. Visit any one of the three OCPL locations or visit OCPL's Get a Library Card site at www.orangecountync.gov/library/libcard.asp to get your library card today.

New art exhibit premieres Sept. 7

OCPL continues to support local artists in its libraries. The OCPL Main Library will host a new exhibit by Timberlake resident Joe Di Bona from Sept. 7 to Oct. 31. Mr. Di Bona creates outsider art that features bold colors and images meant to provoke the viewer's thoughts and challenge conventions.

Please be sure to see this interesting exhibit throughout the library and join us for a reception to meet the artist Saturday, Sept. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m.

New youth programs and program schedule

Join in the fun this fall with new interactive storytimes and programs for kids at the OCPL Main Library.

Beginning Sept. 10, we will offer:

- Tiny Tots Storytime—for infants and children through age 2 (and their caregivers)—Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for 20 minutes;
- Preschool Storytime—for children ages 3 to 5 (and their caregivers)—Wednesdays at 10 a.m. for 30 minutes;
- Kids Explore—for children ages 5 to 8—Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. for 45 minutes; and
- Kids Discover—for children ages 9 to 12—Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. for 45 minutes.

For more information about Youth Services, go to www.orangecountync.gov/library/youthservices.asp.

Friends of the Library paver sale underway

The Friends of the Orange County Public Library are selling pavers now through Nov. 1.

Pavers are a great way to honor a loved one, remember a pet, celebrate a life event or represent your business, church or community organization. They will be installed in front of the OCPL Main Library.

Funds raised from the sale will be used to enhance OCPL services, programs and collections.

For more information and to order pavers, go to www.orangecountync.gov/library/pavers.asp.

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