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September is National Library Card Sign-up Month--a time to remind everyone that a library card provides access to invaluable services from one of the most important resources in our local communities: your neighborhood library. "We believe a library card is the smartest card in your wallet," said Mary Jean Jakubowski, director of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. "A library card can open the door to a world of discovery through books, computers and more and, best of all, it's free!"

There are currently more than 278,000 library card holders in Erie County. With your library card you can borrow books, CD's, DVD's, Blu-rays, eBooks and other media; access more than 70 online databases including genealogy, auto repair and foreign language translation; use public computers; enroll in computer training, access our WiFi, download music and eBooks; utilize employment and business resource materials; attend programs and author visits; participate in book clubs; maintain online account access and more.

Getting a library card is easy. Library card applications are available at all 37 local libraries and can also be downloaded at: <http://www.buffalolib.org/content/borrower-information> and brought to the nearest library with a valid form of identification and proof of address. Those under 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian with valid identification to obtain a card. Director Jakubowski also announced that each of the 37 Public Libraries will be giving away a prize a day to new and renewing card holders during the month of September.

Last year, 8,154,384 items were borrowed through the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System. Over 470,200 reference questions were asked, 842,769 computer hours logged and 3.1 million online database searches took place. The Systemwide door count was 3,657,908.

In celebration of National Library Card Sign-up Month, a new website design was unveiled at www.BuffaloLib.org. Fall hours, which begin in September are also posted on the website. Become a "Fan" of the library on Facebook, and follow us on Twitter, Pinterest and Flickr.

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