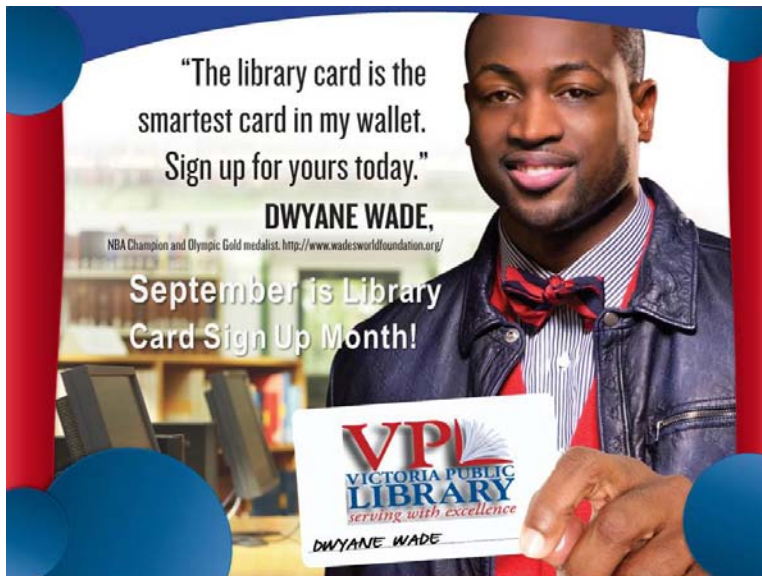


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Get the Smartest Card @ your library®

VICTORIA, TX - September is Library Card Sign-up Month, and the Victoria Public Library wants to make sure that all children in Victoria have the smartest card of all – a library card.

Public library programming and books for children make a difference in the lives of students. By providing school-age children with engaging programs and amazing collections, students from all backgrounds become excited and enthusiastic readers.

Activities at the Victoria Public Library during Library Card Sign-up Month include Story Times, Anime and Gaming for Teens, Family Night, Lego Club and more.

“A library card has always been the most important school supply of all,” says Dayna Williams-Capone, Library Director. “Today’s libraries are thriving technology hubs that millions rely on as either their first or only choice for computer and Internet access. In doing so, libraries provide children with not only the tools to be literate, but information literate as well. There’s a lot happening at Victoria Public Library, and the best part for both children and parents – in these tough economic times - is that it’s free with a library card.”

Getting a library card is easy and free. Fill out an application at the Victoria Public Library with proof of a current Texas address. A legal parent or guardian must also sign the library card application for children 17 years and younger.

Observed since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the Victoria Public Library at 302 N. Main, Victoria, Texas, call 361.485.3301 or visit the library online at www.victoriapubliclibrary.org.