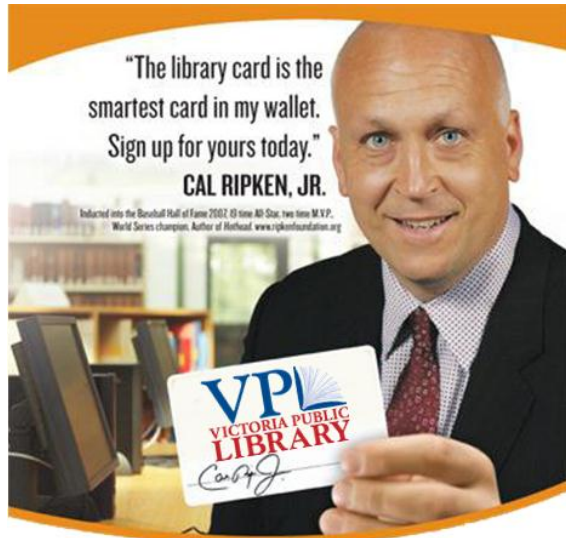


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Get the most important school supply @ your library®

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 most important school supply of all – a library card.

Owning a library card provides students the resources they need to compete academically. It provides students free access to databases of news articles, encyclopedias and test preparation materials, as well as downloadable and online books. In addition, public libraries are the number one access point for free Internet access, an important resource for families without access at home when 96 percent of school districts require students to use the Internet to complete their homework.

Activities at the Victoria Public Library during Library Card Sign-up Month include Story Times, Gaming and Crafts for teens, Puppet Show, Lego Club and more.

“Today’s libraries provide all types of students with the tools they need to succeed,” says Dayna Williams-Capone, Library Director. “Libraries provide young readers with exciting and engaging programs that make learning fun. It is for these reasons that now more than ever, a library card is the most important school supply of all.”

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.

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.