

## News Release

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### CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG LIBRARY WANTS EVERYONE TO GET CARDED

Sign-up online or in person for a FREE Library card today

**Charlotte, NC – August 30, 2019** – This September, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library joins the American Library Association and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time to remind the community that the Library is your source of academic achievement and lifelong learning with an extensive collection of print and digital materials. The Library wants everyone to get carded - it's easy to sign up for a FREE Library card at any of the Library's 20 locations or online at <https://www.cmlibrary.org/about/getting-started-library>.

A Library card opens a world of infinite possibilities through resources and services for all ages ranging from children to adults. Many residents aren't aware of the extensive digital and online resources the Library offers for free, including e-books, audiobooks, streaming movies and videos, and access to hundreds of online journals, newspapers and databases in additions to programs and services. The Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room provides access to Ancestry.com – a membership savings of \$20 each month.

“Public libraries began as places where people could access books, information and services that helped them ascend to the best and most educated version of themselves – and they remain so today,” says Lenoir C. (Lee) Keesler, Jr., the chief operating officer for Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. “A library card unlocks the print and digital path to academic achievement, lifelong learning and reading enjoyment. That's why we want every Mecklenburg County resident to have one.”

The Library offers programs throughout the year including Summer Break, Community Read, Dia, and EpicFest. From STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs, family storytimes, makerspaces and in-person or virtual homework help, to job help centers and hosting community initiatives, the Library transforms lives through education and innovative programming.

To learn more information about how to sign up for a library card, visit any of the Library's 20 locations in person or online at <https://www.cmlibrary.org/about/getting-started-library>. Social media can be found with the hashtag #CMLibraryGetCarded

#### **About Charlotte Mecklenburg Library:**

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is one of America's leading urban public libraries, serving a community of more than one million citizens in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. Through 20 locations, targeted outreach and online resources, the Library delivers exceptional services and programs, with a mission to improve lives and build a stronger community. For more, visit [cmlibrary.org](http://cmlibrary.org).

**Photo caption:** Sign-up for your Charlotte Mecklenburg Library card today – online or in person.

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