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September is Library Card Sign-up Month Across the U.S.

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Glendale Public Library System is joining thousands of libraries across the country in encouraging residents to get a library card. With classes back in session, a library card is the most important school supply of all.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. The observance was launched in 1987 to meet the challenge of then Secretary of Education William J. Bennett who said, “Let’s have a national campaign. . .every child should obtain a library card—and use it.” Since then, thousands of public and school libraries join each fall in a national effort to ensure every child does just that.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Of course, children are not the only people to benefit from having a library card. Teens and adults of all ages come to the library for a myriad of reasons.

Libraries today have more than just books – they have videos, DVDs, CDs, computers, electronic games, Internet access, thousands of newspaper and magazine/journal articles through electronic databases. Other databases provide help in auto repair, TV repair, genealogy research, live homework help and more. Books can even be downloaded to an MP3 player. Libraries are community gathering places with coffee bars and vending machines, musical performances, informational seminars, story times and other children’s programming, book discussions, exhibits – and a place to find relevant information.

Library cards are free to all Glendale residents. Some exceptions do apply for non-residents. For more information, call:

Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., 623-930-3530

Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave., 623-390-3830

Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., 623-930-3430

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