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September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

Monterey Park, Calif. - September 5, 2018 - As students head back to school, there is one essential school supply that requires no shopping and doesn't cost a penny: a library card.

This September, the [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](#) is joining with the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-up Month, to encourage parents, caregivers and students to obtain a free library card that will save them money while reaping rewards in academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Whether it's providing free access to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs, educational apps, in-person homework help or technology workshops, a library card is one of the most cost effective back-to-school supplies.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show 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.

"Throughout the school year, our library offers a variety of programs to stimulate an interest in reading and learning," said Diana Garcia, Acting City Librarian. "Storytimes expose young children to the joy of reading and encourage school readiness, while older children have access to technology and digital tools such as iPads and Chromebooks and the help from library staff to use those resources."

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries unite together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card. For more information about how to sign up for a library card, please visit the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library in person or online at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov/Library.

The [Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library](#) is the city's public library located at 318 S. Ramona Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754. Library open hours are Sunday 1-5 p.m.; Monday and Tuesday 12-9 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday closed; and Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. For more City of Monterey Park news and information, please visit the city website at www.MontereyPark.ca.gov.

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