



PRESS RELEASE

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Get Carded *September is National Library Card Sign Up Month*

Gonzales, LA – Libraries have a mission to actively engage all community members by creating equitable opportunities. That’s why Ascension Parish Library (APL) is encouraging residents to visit any of its four locations to sign up for a library card during September, when libraries unite in a national effort to ensure all families have access to needed resources without facing monetary burden.

“Not many cards in your wallet grant you access to so much,” said APL Director John Stelly. “Everyone knows we have books, and that will always be an essential part of what we do, but the library has evolved to be a place that educates and entertains.”

APL is the first library in the capital region to offer cardholders family-friendly entertainment passes to local and regional museums and nature centers through its [Adventure Pass Collection](#). APL cardholders can also: access online learning courses and ACT Prep materials, borrow kits to learn a new skill or hobby, use online resources to learn a new language, get homework help, or be crafty, stream movies, TV shows, and music, check out board games and preloaded tablets for children and adults, borrow books, magazines, and audiobooks, use public computers with internet access, connect using public Wi-Fi, fax, or book a study room.

“We’re a lively place of discoverability – where people can read, learn, and create,” Stelly said.

This year, APL teamed up with local businesses, where customers can earn savings by showing their library card in September. Carli Co. Café and Pot & Paddle in Gonzales will offer a 20 percent discount when cardholders present their library card. Those who sign up for their first library card at any APL location will receive a coupon from American Family Martial Arts in Prairieville for free lessons (*while supplies last*).

Ascension residents can also follow APL on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (@myAPLibrary) to see messages throughout the month from some familiar faces about why a library card is important.





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The library and Ascension Public Schools have also partnered to provide all students and teachers in the parish with [Education eCards](#). Using the school-issued ID number, eCards provide 24/7, year-round access to all the library's digital resources (homework help, research databases, ebooks, audiobooks, and more). *A full-access card is needed to borrow materials from each physical library location.*

Beginning at birth, Ascension Parish residents are eligible for a free library card. Those who work or attend school in Ascension Parish, but do not live in the parish, may also obtain a library card. APL cards must be renewed every five years, and there are no fines for overdue materials.

To Get Carded, visit <https://myapl.org/get-a-library-card> or scan the QR code below.



About APL

Ascension Parish Library (APL) is an award-winning library system committed to providing opportunities for lifelong learning to all ages. APL delivers needed resources through traditional library services, digital materials, and innovative programs. Ascension Parish Library encourages residents to read, learn, and create by visiting their local library.

To learn more, visit <https://www.myAPL.org/>.

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