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York Co. Public Library Programs Promote Learning

Children 4 and up can get a library card; Activity To-Go Kits for kids!

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As we near the beginning of the school year, the York County Public Library reminds patrons about some of the resources available to help students excel during the 2020-2021 academic year and beyond!

Add “Get a Library Card” to your back-to-school list this September

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Library cardholders gain access to a world of educational resources. Beyond our collection of books, audio and video resources, the library offers access to online databases and tutorials that can support your child’s learning. Don’t have a library card yet? Learn how a library card gives you superpowers by signing up today!

Parents or guardians can **sign up children ages 4 and up for a library card** by visiting one of our two convenient branch locations with a photo ID and proof of residence. **Children ages 4 to 16 get a special gift if they get a library card during the month of September.**

If you cannot visit one of our branches right now, apply for our **digital library card**, which gives you access to all of our digital resources. This temporary card expires after 3 months, but can be validated in person at any time to be converted into a regular library card.

To explore our educational resources, visit our Homework Help page at www.yorkcounty.gov/2356/Homework-Help. Learn more about our library card options by visiting www.yorkcounty.gov/768/Library-Cards.

Limited curbside service is available for those unable to enter the buildings. For questions, call us at 757-890-5100 or email us at library_services@yorkcounty.gov.

Take the Fun Home with Activity To-Go Kits

While the York County Public Library has reopened to the public, in-person programming is currently on hiatus. However, the Youth Services staff are excited to offer Activity To-Go Kits, a programming model made popular during our 2020 Summer Reading Program. Take home a little bit of library fun with these kits!

The September kits will be available for pick up during operating hours at both the Tabb and Yorktown Libraries. A different kit will be featured each week:

- **Science Kit:** Grow Crystals (ages 5-12): Available Sept. 1-Sept. 5
- **Preschool Story Kit:** Colors (ages 2 ½ to 5): Available Sept. 8-Sept. 12
- **Pirates Week** is Sept. 15-Sept. 19: All ages can enjoy a recorded story time, scavenger hunt and themed activity kit.
- **Craft Kit:** Ojo de Dios (ages 5-12): Available Sept. 22-Sept. 26
- **Tiny & Toddler Story Kit:** Getting Dressed (ages 0-4): Available Sept. 29-Oct. 3

All September kits include a themed book list and an activity; the craft and science kits also include supplies and instructions for an experiment or craft. Links to the main content from the kits will also be available at www.yorkcounty.gov/libraryblog.

There is a limited supply of Kits, which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the Youth Services desk to ensure your preferred kit is available before visiting the library. Contact the Tabb Youth Services desk at (757) 890-5110 or the Yorktown Youth Services desk at (757) 890-3236. Curbside pickup of Activity To-Go Kits is available by request.

Library operating hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday. The library is closed Sunday and Monday. Masks are required to enter the building and social distancing is enforced. Hand sanitizer is available and its use encouraged. For more information about our operation guidelines, visit www.yorkcounty.gov/library.