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## ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



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**Erie County Public Library empowers community members to take charge with their card**

Erie, PA – September is [Library Card Sign-up Month](#), a time when Erie and Crawford County libraries join the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind community members, parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives individuals the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions.

Libraries offer everything from early literacy programs to virtual homework help and GED practice resources, helping transform lives and communities through education. Through public libraries in Northwest PA, you'll find a wide variety of free educational resources and activities, including:

- Virtual and in-person programs for a wide variety of interests, ages, and skill levels
- Libby by OverDrive, an online library of e-books and digital audiobooks available through the Libby app <https://libbyapp.com/>
- Universal Class, a free resource offering online courses for building knowledge and skills in a variety of fields including business, health, education, real estate, technology, and more
- E-resources through POWER Library for reliable information on business, car repair, health and wellness, and more
- Movies, TV shows, and music to stream through Hoopla
- Wi-Fi access for personal devices as well as public access computers
- Print, copy, fax, and scan services at minimal charges
- Ever-growing collections of materials to borrow including books with large print, audiobooks on CD and Playaways (audiobooks on small, portable devices)

“Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children,” said Jessica Church, District Consultant for public libraries in Erie and Crawford Counties. “Our libraries have programs and services that offer learners of all ages and backgrounds such as Book Box programs through Erie County Public Library, Story time with Miss Julie at Stone Memorial Library in Conneautville, and even an indoor hydroponic garden at Benson Memorial Library in Titusville.”

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Area libraries, along with libraries everywhere, continue to adapt and expand services to meet the evolving needs of our community. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, please visit your local library to find out more:

### **Crawford County**

- Benson Memorial Library (<https://bensonlibrary.org/>)  
213 North Franklin St., Titusville, PA 16354
- Cambridge Springs Public Library (<https://cambridge.ccfls.org/>)  
158 McClellan St., Cambridge Springs, PA 16403
- Cochranon Area Public Library (<https://cochranon.ccfls.org/>)  
107 W. Pine St., P.O. Box 296, Cochranon, PA 16314
- Linesville Community Public Library (<https://linesville.ccfls.org/>)  
111 Penn St., Linesville, PA 16424
- Margaret Shontz Memorial Library (<https://shontz.ccfls.org/>)  
145 S. 2nd St., P.O. Box 5117, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316
- Meadville Public Library (<https://meadvillelibrary.org/>)  
848 N. Main St., Meadville, PA 16335
- Saegertown Area Library (<https://saegertown.ccfls.org/>)  
325 Broad St. P.O. Box 871, Saegertown, PA 16433
- Springboro Public Library (<https://springboro.ccfls.org/>)  
110 S. Main St., Springboro, PA 16435
- Stone Memorial Library (<https://stone.ccfls.org/>)  
1101 Main St., Conneautville, PA 16406

### **Erie County**

- Albion Area Public Library (<http://albionarealibrary.org/>)  
111 E. Pearl St., Albion, PA 16401
- Corry Public Library (<http://corrylibrary.org/>)  
117 W. Washington St., Corry, PA 16407
- Erie County Public Library (<https://erielibrary.org/>)  
160 E. Front St., Erie, PA 16507  
Includes Edinboro, Iroquois, Lincoln, and Millcreek branches as well as bookmobile
- McCord Memorial Library (<https://mccordlibrary.org/>)  
32 W. Main St., North East, PA 16428
- Rice Avenue Community Public Library ([www.riceavenuelibrary.org](http://www.riceavenuelibrary.org))  
705 Rice Ave., Girard, PA 16417
- Union City Public Library (<http://www.ucpl.org/>)  
2 Stranahan St., Union City, PA 16438
- Waterford Public Library ([www.waterfordlibrary.org](http://www.waterfordlibrary.org))  
24 S. Park Row, Waterford, PA 16441

This year, Marley Dias, founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, author and executive producer, is taking on a new role as honorary chair of Library Card Sign-Up Month. In her new role, Dias will promote the value of libraries and encourage everyone to get their very own library card.

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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 work together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card.

For more information about Library Card Sign-up month or the Erie-Crawford Library District, contact District Consultant Jessica Church at [DistrictConsultant@eriecountypa.gov](mailto:DistrictConsultant@eriecountypa.gov) or 814-451-6920. For more information on how local libraries empower their communities and to sign up for a library card, please contact the public library nearest you from the list above.

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