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TAKE PART IN SEPTEMBER LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH AT BEAVERTON CITY LIBRARY

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton City Library joins the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month in September. Today's libraries are creative educational spaces for learners from birth to high school and beyond, and libraries across the country want to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all—a free library card.

This year, Beaverton City Library has partnered with Beaverton School District to get library cards for all students in grades 8 through 12 at their Future Ready Schools. According to the district's Future Ready Vision, "Education should be collaborative, responsive and relevant; prepare all students to adapt to an ever-changing future; and inspire and support teachers to innovate instructional practice and professional learning." Future Ready Schools have committed to building-wide change, integrating technology into the teaching and learning process.

With their Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) library card, students have access to digital tools and the opportunity to develop their digital literacy skills. Public libraries provide guided training in digital media and provide equity of access to high-speed internet. These services have become increasingly important in high-poverty areas where students are less likely to have internet access at home.

Resources at Beaverton City Library are available to anyone who has a WCCLS library card. Students can turn to the library for materials, programs and knowledgeable library staff that support academic achievement.

Throughout the month of September, the library will be having lots of fun ways to celebrate cardholders. Come see what's new and cool at the library.

For additional information regarding Beaverton City Library, visit www.BeavertonLibrary.org or call 503-644-2197. Beaverton City Library is one of fifteen member libraries in Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), which works to provide responsive and efficient library service countywide through centralized catalog, courier and other services.

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Caption: The Beaverton City Library joins the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-Up Month in September. *(Image/City of Beaverton)*