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OC Public Libraries Celebrates Library Card Sign-up Month

SANTA ANA, Calif. (August 31, 2022) – OC Public Libraries joins libraries nationwide and the American Library Association (ALA) in September to celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month. The initiative reminds parents, caregivers, and students that signing up for a library card is the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Libraries play a crucial role in the education and development of children, offering a variety of programs to spark creativity and stimulate an interest in reading and learning. Through access to technology, media resources and educational programs, a library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom and provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams, explore new passions and interests, and find their voice.

At OC Public Libraries, patrons of all ages can find a variety of educational resources and activities, including storytimes, author talks, book clubs, eResources, and many other literacy and enrichment programs.

During September, OC Public Libraries will celebrate Library Card Sign-up with a monthlong photo campaign. New and existing OC Public Libraries card holders can share a photo with their library card, tag @ocpubliclibraries, and be featured on the library's social media platforms. Library patrons can also have their photo taken at any local OC Public Libraries branch. Those who participate in the campaign will be entered to win a prize at the end of the month.

To culminate the month, OC Public Libraries card holders are invited to take a photo with special guest 'Froggy' at any of the following locations:

- Tuesday, September 27 from 4pm-6pm at Westminster Library, 8180 13th Street, Westminster, CA 92683
- Wednesday, September 28 from 4pm-6pm at Fountain Valley Library, 17635 Los Alamos, Fountain Valley, CA 92708
- Thursday, September 29 from 4pm-6pm at Aliso Viejo Library, 1 Journey, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

During Library Card Sign-up Month, libraries everywhere also observe Banned Books Week from September 18-24, an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. Banned Books Week was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in schools, bookstores and libraries. This year's theme "Books Unite Us. Censorship Divides Us." is reminder to support the freedom



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to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. For more information on Banned Books Week, visit bannedbooksweek.org.

OC Public Libraries, along with libraries everywhere, continues to adapt and expand services to meet evolving community needs. Let your imagination sing at OC Public Libraries during Library Card Sign-up Month. To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library's resources and programs, visit ocpl.org.

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