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### News Release

## A Kern County Library Card Provides Endless Opportunities for Family Engagement

As children settle back into school, family time is often hindered by homework and afterschool / school activities. The Kern County Library wants to remind children and families that September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. A library card is among one of the most important school supplies available, giving community members access to databases for language-learning and research, test prep materials, access to internet and public computers, and more. A public library card is your ticket to free educational resources and activities that bring families together. Libraries not only provide resources to parents and children that support early literacy and lifelong learning, but truly transform how families spend time together.

Library Card Sign-Up Month is a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country remind parents of the importance and benefits of children having their library cards. This year's Library Card Sign-Up Month Honorary Chair is Snoopy, the world-famous beagle featured in the Peanuts comic strip, calling attention to the supportive role libraries and library professionals play in the education, academic achievement and development of children. Signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Getting a library card is simple, and it only takes a few minutes. All you have to do is visit a branch of the Kern County Library. Those under 18 are required to have a parent and/or guardian with them. Cardholders have free access to a family destination that provides a spectrum of free services, including workshops for all ages, STEAM programs and activities, book clubs, family storytimes, game nights, and more. Libraries serve a crucial need, especially in low-income areas.

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