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September is Library Card Signup Month & NDL has contests!

Northville, MI: Whether you are deciding on a big purchase for your family, learning a new language, preparing for a standardized exam, starting a new career, selling your home, want a wholesome or entertaining read, or just enjoy reading nonfiction, a library card is a helpful key to the library's arsenal of resources available to support you.

With a library card, you can borrow the latest bestsellers, popular works, award-winning novels, movies and TV shows, music, and nontraditional library items (STEM kits for kids and items from the Library of Things collection, like chess kits, telescopes, and more), and the online resources on NDL's website that are trustworthy, reliable, credible, up-to-date, verified, peer-reviewed, etc. So we invite you to celebrate Library Card Signup Month this September by getting your library card and by participating in a few contests.

Any child in grades K - 5th who signs up for a library card this month will receive a free packet of back-to-school supplies to go with their new card. And with the advantage of having a library card, children can borrow books, music, movies, magazines for kids, graphic novels, and STEM kits, along with eBooks, and use online resources for homework help.

The Friends of the Northville District Library invites youth ages 5 - 12 to enter into their annual Design a Bookmark Contest, which runs from Friday, August 30 to Monday, September 30. Entry forms will be available to pick up from the Information Desk beginning Friday, August 30th. Colored pencils or markers may be used for the artwork design. The winning design(s) will be printed and then revealed at the Friends of the Northville District Library's event, Cider on Sunday, on Sunday, October 20 from 1:30 - 4 PM. Attendees are welcome to drop into the event.

Northville District Library is also running a contest; we want you to redesign NDL's library card! This contest is for all ages, and participants are encouraged to submit their best designs highlighting the library's services, collections, events, or reading in general. Submissions will be accepted in digital format between Sunday, September 1st, and Monday, September 30th. Limit one entry per person. Two new designs will be selected, one from each age group: youth ages 3 - 17 and adults ages 18 and up. An artist release is required during the submission process. The artist must be a resident of either the City of Northville or Northville Township and be a library cardholder in good standing. You can get a library card by visiting NDL in person at the checkout desk with a valid State ID or Driver's License, or visit our website to apply online for a temporary card. Content must be appropriate for all ages; please

do not include your name in the artwork. Submissions must be original works that are not subject to copyright restrictions or ownership by another individual or organization. Art submitted must not violate the rights of privacy and/or constitute a libel or slander against anyone. Submissions may be in any 2D art medium, including digital media, fine arts (acrylic paint, oil paint, watercolor paint, drawing, collagraph or lithograph prints, etc.), and photography. No AI designs, please.

Our library card's dimensions are 3.375" x 2.125" and the keychain measures 2.625" x 1.125". Please include at least a .125" bleed to ensure the borders are not cut off during the printing and cutting process. Templates are available to print from our website. Please create a design that will include space for the placement of the Northville District Library's name, phone number, and web address.

When submitting your design, please name your file using this convention:

NDLCard_LastnameFirstnameAge. Designs should be saved as high resolution - at least 300 dpi - and in one of the following formats: .ai, .eps, .psd, .jpg, .png, and .pdf. The higher the resolution, the better. File size cannot exceed 300 MB.

Please enter the contest and submit all artwork by midnight, Monday, September 30 using the instructions listed on our website. Youth will need a parent/guardian name included in their submissions.

Two rounds of jurying will take place in October to determine the new designs of our library card and an announcement will follow. The winning designs will be printed on a new batch of Northville District Library cards and featured in our next newsletter!

Be sure to check the Library's quarterly print newsletter, which you can pick up at the Library, and use our online event calendar to view a full listing of all upcoming Library events along with any news or announcements. To subscribe to the Library's newsletters visit www.northvillelibrary.org>About/Enewsletter Signup.

For more information, please visit NDL's website at: www.northvillelibrary.org; or call (248)349-3020. We are also on Facebook, Instagram, Threads, X, Spotify, Flickr, YouTube, Pinterest, and TikTok.



NDL exterior - view from the parking lot.



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NDL logo

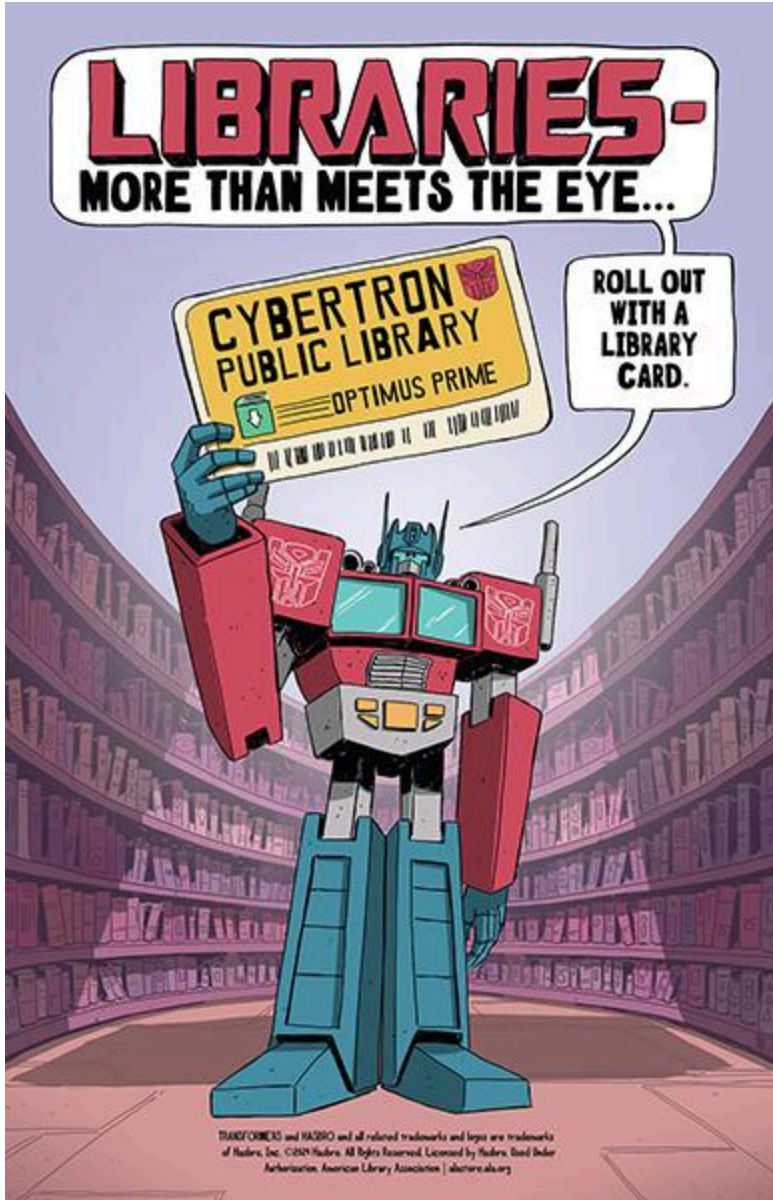
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Current NDL card



American Library Association 2024 Ad for September's Library Card Signup Month (Theme is Transformers)



Friends of the Northville District Library's 2023 Bookmark Contest winners.