



## September is Library Card Sign-up Month

Since 1987, [Library Card Sign-up Month](#) has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card.

Throughout the school year, public librarians and library staff assist parents and caregivers with saving hundreds of dollars on educational resources and services for students. From free access to STEAM programs/activities, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help, technology workshops to the expertise of librarians, a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available.

How much money can you save? Visit ALA's [Library Value Calculator](#) to total your savings.

## Kentucky Young Adult and Children Services Virtual Conference

Coming soon to a computer near you... the KYAC Conference, Sept. 22-23<sup>rd</sup>! Sessions will be held from 10-5 Eastern/9-4 Central. Commissioner Terry Manuel will open the conference for us this year. The keynote speaker is award-winning storyteller Willy Claflin with his most amazing sidekick, Maynard the Moose, and other friends (<https://www.willyclaflin.com/>). Register for this FREE and VIRTUAL conference by the end of the day, Sept. 20: <https://kdla.wufoo.com/forms/k1u48y8v06c9asj/>

## Kentucky Library Association Conference

KLA's annual conference is coming up this October 14-15. This year's conference will be offered in a hybrid format, combining virtual options with an in-person conference in Lexington, offering you the opportunity to attend or present virtually should that better suit your needs.

The topic this year, "Stronger Together: Taking Charge of Change", is timely and speaks to the hard work and ingenuity we've had to call upon in the past year. More information and registration at <https://www.klaonline.org/conferences>.

## Communities for Immunity Grant

*Communities for Immunity* is an initiative supporting the work of museums and libraries in engaging their communities in COVID-19 vaccine confidence. The first round of funding opened August 5-September 2. The second funding window will be open October 4-29, with 154 awards ranging from \$1,500 to \$100,000 each to be awarded. This round will prioritize projects that include cross-community partnerships, and are designed to engage the hardest-to-reach audiences, reach children and families as younger children become eligible for the vaccine, and include opportunities to build broader vaccine confidence and assess deeper community needs. Projects will need to be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Applications and more information is available at <https://community.astc.org/communitiesforimmunity/home>, and the Resources page is available to anyone, and will be even after the grants are complete: <https://community.astc.org/communitiesforimmunity/vaccine-confidence-resources>

## Association for Rural & Small Libraries Conference

Each year ARSL creates a unique conference for library staff and advocates from rural and small communities, designed with practicality and the understanding that professional development and networking are essential parts of your success. Topics include programming, fundraising, working with boards, keeping up with technology, and much more! This year's conference will be October 20-23 in Reno/Sparks Nevada, with virtual options. See more at <https://www.arsl.org/2021-conference-main-page>.



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