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September is library card sign-up month at Branch District Library

September is Library Card Sign-up Month. Branch District Library staff take the opportunity to remind parents, caregivers and students that a library card can be the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning.

"There is nothing more empowering than signing up for your own library card," said Kimberly Feltner, assistant director of the BDL.

It's not just for books, but provides access to technology, media resources and educational programs.

"A library card gives students the tools to succeed in the classroom," she said. "It provides people of all ages opportunities to pursue their dreams and passions."

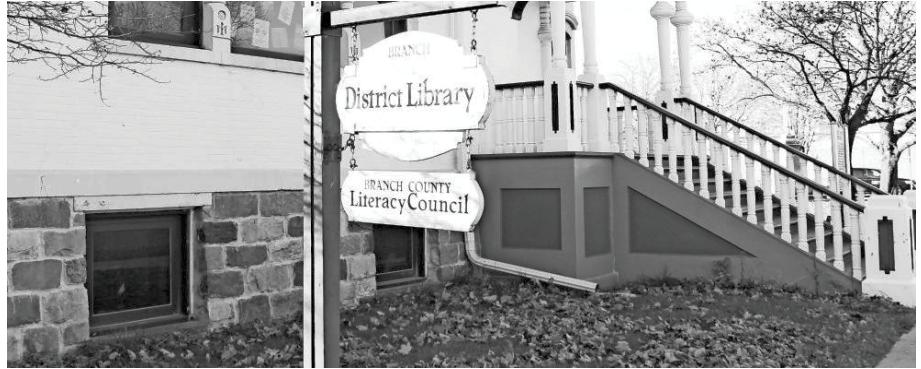
Tutoring services are available in more than 200 academic subjects and test preparation. Live one-to-one help is available 2 p.m.- 9 p.m. everyday. Students can connect with a tutor, submit a paper for review, get help with a test or prepare for an interview.

With Hoopla, the BDL digital library provider, hundreds of movies, books and music can be streamed to a device.

During September, new adult cardholders will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card. Youth will be entered into a drawing for one basket of school supplies.

To sign up for a library card visit www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/apply.

A card holding adults who refer a friend for new li-



September is Library Card Sign-Up month and Branch District Library is offering incentives.

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brary card allows both to be entered into the drawing for the \$100 Visa gift card. Pick up the "Refer-a-Friend" form at any of the BDL branches. For full contest details visit www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/sign-up.

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 work together nation-wide to ensure every child signs up for his or her own library card.

For more information about BDL resources and services, visit www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org.

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Branch District Library First Notice of the 2022 Budget Hearing

October 18, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Take Notice: On October 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. the Branch District Library Board shall conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2022 budget of estimated revenues and expenditures. This budget hearing will be conducted in-person at the Coldwater branch and via the Zoom platform. Full public participation details are available on the library website at <https://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org>.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Copies of the budget are available for public inspection at the entrance to the Library Headquarters, 10 East Chicago Street, Coldwater, and at each branch location – Alganssee, Bronson, Quincy, Sherwood, and Union City, or on our website: <https://www.BranchDistrictLibrary.org/budgets>.

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Fire prevention day hosted by library, Union City Fire Department

Jackson Roth, with Union City firefighter Makenzi Emmel, experienced the power of a fire hose at the fire prevention event in Union City Saturday.
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October is Fire Prevention Month. Saturday was a fire prevention event at the Union Township Library with the Union City Fire Department. It was a hands-on experience for the community and families.

Firefighters with several fire trucks interacted with the public on the blocked off street by the library.

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Ray Batterson, of Union City Rotary, and Scott Stevens, Union City fire chief, with one of the ice rescue suits donated to the department by the club.
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The Branch County Fire Prevention and Life Safety trailer allowed participants to experience the challenge of trying to escape a smoke-filled house.

Children took turns experiencing the power of a fire hose. Friends of the Library gave doughnuts to participants, as well as fire safety materials.

Several service clubs were present including the Union City Rotary Club selling maple syrup. With their display was one of the two ice rescue suits they provided to the fire department, said Ray Batterson, honorary member of the club. All proceeds from the maple

syrup sales go back to the community, including buying the suits.

Scott Stevens, Union City fire chief, said they now have four ice rescue suits.

The fire department also invited community members to sign up for smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, that includes installation by the department.

Julie Baratta, librarian

of the Branch District Library - Lucille E. Dearth Union Township Branch, was pleased with the turnout. She was working with Sherwood branch library and Friends of the Library to host the event.

The community is very appreciative of the fire department and they show it, Baratta said.