



THE INCREDIBLE LIBRARY CARD

A library card provides endless opportunities to transform the school year

This fall, as students prepare to head back to school, there is one essential school supply that requires no shopping and doesn't cost a penny — it's a library card.

During September, York County Library joins the American Library Association and libraries nationwide for Library Card Sign-up Month, encouraging parents, caregivers and students to obtain a free library card that will save them money while reaping rewards in academic achievement and lifelong learning.

Whether it's providing free access to STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programs, educational apps, in-person and virtual homework help, or technology workshops, a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies. Resources at YCL are available to anyone with a library card.

Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

Throughout the school year, our Library offers a variety of programs to stimulate an interest in reading and

GET A LIBRARY CARD AND CHECK OUT SOMETHING
INCREDIBLE!
September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

VISIT YOUR LIBRARY

- Head to your library during September to see what's new and take part in the celebration. Libraries across the country are participating. Do you have friends who don't have library cards? Invite them to the library.

HELP SPREAD THE WORD

- Follow I Love Libraries on Facebook and Twitter and the hashtag #LibraryCardSignUp to join the celebration on social media.
- Link to the ALA at www.ala.org or I Love Libraries at www.ilovelibraries.org.

learning. Storytimes expose young children to the joy of reading and encourage school readiness, while older children have access to technology, digital tools, and help from Library staff to use those resources.

This year, Disney's The Incredibles are Library Card Sign-up Month honorary chairs, helping to promote the value of a library card and bring attention to the many ways libraries

and librarians transform lives and communities through education. Throughout September, the York County Library will host several activities to promote the library and library cards, so look for future announcements soon.

For more information about how to sign up for a library card, please visit the York County Library in person or online at www.yclibrary.org.

DISCOVER YCL'S VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Learn new languages, other cultures, vehicle maintenance & more!

Imagine sitting in a piazza in Rome, sipping on an espresso or a café con leche. While sitting there, conversations are being spoken all around. As you are not a local, how will you pick up on the language being used? A great way is by following what is happening in context, not just listening to the words that you hear, but the situation they are being used in.

Learning a new language is a fun, exciting new adventure that anyone can accomplish. One of my favorite online resources, Mango Languages, offers real-life contextualized lessons allowing users to sign on and practice a foreign language from anywhere, at any time. There is even an app on the phone for it! The first lesson begins with a few basic vocabulary words, but then changes to a situation where the user hears all the different ways the conversation can go. And forget about those traditional languages of Italian or Spanish; how about learning Pirate? Ahoy Mateys!

Now, what if the user would like to learn a new language in addition to traveling to a distant unknown country? What are some customs, festivals, and foods located in these far-away locations? Credo is an online resource that provides detailed information on a wide variety of topics, such as far away cultures and peoples.

So, the user is learning a new language and culture and now wants to drive through the countryside of a new place? Is there a way this person can research a car to prepare for this big road trip? AutoMate is an online resource that includes step-by-step repairs with images from the original equipment manufacturers, maintenance schedules, labor estimates, technical service bulletins, specifications, and diagnostic trouble codes.

Provided in part by the South Carolina State Library and York County Library, these databases are priceless to a family that has little in means of income. How can we get the homework completed? How can I fix this car without going to the mechanic? How can I expose my child to another culture without actually traveling there? No matter what the topic is, YCL has an online resource available. For more information, visit our virtual library at www.yclibrary.org/all-resources.

– Jennifer Allan, Main Library Reference Department

Take Mango back to school with you.
Learn a language anytime, anywhere.



BEAMER'S BACK TO SCHOOL KICK-OFF RETURNS!



York County Library has many resources to help students of all ages have a successful school year. We are showcasing those resources at Beamer's Back to School Kick-Off! Join us and our community partners for a variety of fun activities, including robotics, face-painting, games, and more!

Participants will receive free school supplies, while they last, and one entry into a drawing for book bags — stuffed with more school supplies! The Kick-Off will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9–11 a.m. at the Main Library in Rock Hill and from 2–4 p.m. at the York Public Library. **Sponsored by the Friends of the York County Library.**

DON'T MISS YCL'S SUMMER LEARNING CHALLENGE

FREE FAMILY PERFORMANCES

Enjoy prizes, free events, and more fun during our *Libraries Rock!* Summer Learning Challenge, taking place through July 27! Help us meet our registration goal by registering online at www.yclibrary.org/slc or at any YCL location. As part of the Summer Learning Challenge, weekly free family performances will be presented by a variety of exciting performing artists. Have a look at July's line-up:

- **July 10-13: *Reading Rocks!* by Chad Crews**

Chad's all-new show will encourage his audiences to read and use their local library! The show will include music, storytelling, magic, and at least one live critter, along with lots of audience participation and humor.

- **July 17-20: *RAPunzel* by Porkchop Productions**

A bored princess, her overprotective mother, a rapping narrator, an awestruck Prince, and endless "bad hair" days highlight this one-of-a-kind adaptation that reinforces the idea that letting someone go means letting someone grow.

- **July 24-27: *Libraries Rock* by DRUM4WORK**

Multi-ethnic percussionist and teaching artist Jeff Holland will lead your rocking musical tour, filled with exciting beats to keep you moving and grooving. Discover how the path of the drum took Jeff around the globe searching for sounds that rock the world, then get ready to jam in a Facilitated Interactive Rhythm experience!



"Reading Rocks!"

-Chad Crews

No registration is required for these events, but seating is limited. Visit www.yclibrary.org for times, locations, and details.



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YCL RECEIVES MINI-GRANT FOR 'GET YOUR GREEN ON'

Fort Mill Librarians Frances Johnson and Angelica Ricci are delighted and honored to receive an Ezra Keats Mini-Grant. This program provides an opportunity to present a special project for students that fosters creative expression, cooperation and community.

Their project's theme, "Get Your Green On," combines recycling with environmental awareness. Participants will create bookmarks, made from the recycled paper pulp of discarded library books, embedded with flower seeds. The finished project can be enjoyed as a bookmark, then planted to grow a mini flower garden.

The program will be offered early next year at each YCL branch. Dates and details will be announced later. For more information and to see past winners' projects, visit www.ezra-jack-keats.org/h/about-mini-grants. You'll be amazed!

- Frances Johnson, Fort Mill Public Library

Help Improve YCL Programming

Last summer, York County Library participated in the American Library Association's Project Outcome initiative, using surveys to learn how effective our Summer Learning programming was overall. We also collected information on other types of programming our community would like to see us deliver, and the results were positive and useful.

This summer, we will again use the surveys to determine the impact of our programs and services. The surveys are divided into three categories, including parents/caregivers, children, and adults, and are available at each YCL branch and online at www.yclibrary.org/slc. Please let us know how we're doing!

MEET THE 'DUKE OF YORK!'



York Public Library needed a name for their new carved wooden lion and decided to hold a public naming contest. After picking the top 3 nominations, the staff has chosen the winner and is excited to announce his name as **Leo David Alexander, Duke of York!**

Thank you to all who voted, and please stop by to meet Leo! Funding for this project was provided by personal donations to York Public Library. Special thanks to Rusty Rayfield of Wild Wood Chainsaw Carvings and YCL staff member Mike Hyde.

VOTE FOR 'THE GREAT AMERICAN READ'



The Great American Read, hosted by Meredith Vieira, is an eight-part television and online series that began in May and sparked a national conversation about reading and the books that have inspired, moved, and shaped us. With a list of 100 diverse books, the series features notable figures from entertainment, sports, news, and literature, and the first-ever national vote to choose "America's Best-Loved Book."

Celebrate the Great American Read at YCL with book displays, clubs, testimonials, and voting. Pick up a few books from the list and vote for your favorite at all YCL locations, and watch for more on The Great American Read on PBS Charlotte and online at pbs.org/greatamericanread.

LIBRARIES ROCK! MUSICAL INTERLUDES @ YCL

Visit York County Libraries this July for *Libraries Rock!* Musical Interludes @ YCL! This exciting series of one-hour concerts is free for the entire family. Audiences will enjoy hearing a wide variety of instruments and genres, from folk to classical to jazz.

Saturday, July 14, 11 a.m.; & Thursday, July 19, 6 p.m., Clover Public Library

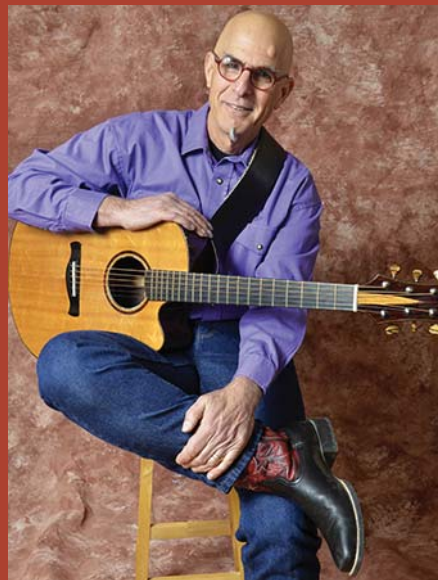
Hannah and Levi Pendergrass and Chad High perform a mix of folk and family-friendly popular songs, as well as some sing-along tunes for kids.

Wednesday, July 18, 5:30 p.m., Fort Mill Public Library

Join us for local musician P. J. Brunson, who has been called the female James Taylor.

Thursday, July 19, 1:30 p.m.; & Wednesday, July 25, 5:30 p.m., Fort Mill Public Library

Join us for local musician Kenneth Blinks, an accomplished jazz and folk guitarist.



Guitarist Dorian Michael will perform July 24 at the Main Library in Rock Hill.

Friday, July 20 & 27, 12 p.m., York Public Library

Bring your lunch and blanket, and enjoy music provided by students from York's Downtown Music Lessons & More.

Tuesday, July 24, 1 p.m., Main Library, Rock Hill

Dorian Michael plays a mix of jazz and instrumental guitar pieces with a distinctive style developed during his 40-plus years as a guitarist. Register online at events.yclibrary.org or call 803-981-5845, beginning July 10.

Thursday, July 26, 1:30 p.m., Fort Mill Public Library

Join us for local musician Eric Brown, an accomplished jazz saxophonist.

This project is made possible by a Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered by the South Carolina State Library. Support for this project is provided by the Arts Council of York County Small Grants program, the John and Susan Bennett Memorial Arts Fund of the Coastal Community Foundation of SC, and the SC Arts Commission, which received funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

FREE HOMEBOUND PROGRAM

Did you know York County Library has a free Homebound Program?

YCL provides a monthly delivery service of books, audio books, large print books, DVDs, and magazines. This program assists homebound York County residents who have medical, visual, mobility-related, or other issues preventing them from visiting or using the Library.

Our Outreach Library staff currently visits over 40 homebound Library patrons every month. We deliver Library items to adult day care and assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and patron homes. Homebound patrons can request specific

titles or allow our staff to choose titles based upon the patron's favorite authors and preferences.

If you love to read but can't come to or use the Library due to medical or other issues, or if you have a family member, neighbor, or friend who would benefit from our homebound Library service, please call our Outreach Department for more information at (803) 981-5872.

Libraries have a long tradition of reaching out and serving everyone. YCL's Homebound Program is another example of why YCL is Your Community Link. Call today!



Library patron Jeri Hemstead is all smiles as she looks over her bag of books, delivered in June as part of YCL's free Homebound Program.

15 MILLION+ SONGS
INCLUDING CLASSICAL, JAZZ, KIDS & MUCH MORE!

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YCL NOW OFFERS FREE DOWNLOADABLE MUSIC!

York County Library has joined the Library Ideas network of public library websites that offers access to over 15 million songs, including Sony Music's catalog of legendary artists. The Freegal Music Service will allow the York County Library to increase the size and diversity of its collection by offering access to over 40,000 music labels from 100 different countries.

Under the terms of the agreement, registered cardholders of the York County Library can download three Freegal Music MP3 tracks each week and listen to three hours of streaming music per day at no direct cost. Visit www.yclibrary.org/downloads to log in to your Freegal Music account using your York County Library card number and account PIN, and download the mobile app for free in the Apple App Store and Google Play.



Color Copiers Now Available

Color copiers are now available at each Library location to make black and white or color copies for a small fee. You can also easily scan a document to a flash drive and make cash or card payments directly at the copy machine.

Printing costs are 15¢ per page for black and white prints and 25¢ per page for color prints. For assistance making a scan or copy, please ask a librarian.



York County Main Library
138 East Black Street, Rock Hill
803-981-5858

Clover Public Library
107 Knox Street
803-222-3474

Fort Mill Public Library
1818 Second Baxter Crossing
803-547-4114

Lake Wylie Public Library
185 Blucher Circle
803-831-7774

York Public Library
21 East Liberty Street
803-684-3751

Bookmobile
Serving over 50 locations.
803-981-5842

www.yclibrary.org
Search the catalog, renew books, place holds, and more.

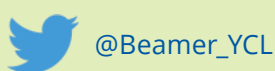
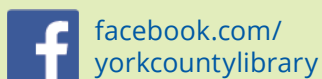
Closing Notices

Main Library in Rock Hill:
• Closes at 4 p.m. July 26.
Sunday Hours will resume Sept. 9.

All York County Libraries:
• Closed July 4; Aug. 17; and Sept. 1-3.

Connect with Us

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HUMAN RESOURCES @ YCL

What is Human Resources for York County Library?

Traditionally, the role of Human Resources professionals in many organizations has been the systematizing, policing arm of executive management. Their role was more aligned with personnel and administration, functions that organizations viewed as “just functions.” The initial need for HR came out of the administration or finance area. In the past, hiring employees, paying employees, and dealing with benefits were the organization’s first HR needs, so adding finance and administrative staff was no surprise.

Here at York County Library, my role is to transform our Library and to align with forward-thinking practices. Our organization cannot afford an HR department that fails to contribute to leading modern thinking and enhancing our Library. I believe a successful HR department must be adaptive, resilient, quick to change direction, and customer-centered.

I further believe HR is a **strategic partner**, an **employee advocate**, and a **change champion** (mentor). In today’s organizations, to guarantee their viability and ability to contribute, HR managers need to think of themselves as strategic partners, where the HR person contributes to the development and success of the organization-wide business plan and objectives.

My HR objectives are established to support the attainment of the Library’s overall strategic plan and objectives. I am a Library advocate, and this advocacy includes expertise creating a work environment where people can choose to be happy and motivated to contribute. I believe goal-setting, communication, and empower-



Anita Rookard instructs Library staff at a June training session.

ment through responsibility build employee ownership of the Library, and HR establishes the organizational culture and climate where people have the competency, concern, and commitment to serve our customers well.

Other important objectives for me are talent management strategies, employment development opportunities, employee assistance programs, and due process approaches to employee complaints.

At YCL, I believe in the annual evaluation of employees and the organization for effectiveness; as a result, I have become a **champion of change**. I believe knowing how to link change to the strategic needs of the Library will maximize employee satisfaction and acceptance to change.

Finally, I believe staff is our Library’s most-valued asset. I will continue to go all-out in training and development for our staff members, while they continue to meet the needs of our community.

– Anita Rookard, Associate Director of Human Resources