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30 Services (Besides Books) Available @ Your Library

(PANAMA CITY, FL) -- September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Bay County Public Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a free library card.

Resources at the Bay County Public Library are available to anyone who has a library card. Students can turn to the library for materials, programs, and knowledgeable library staff that support academic achievement. Adults can access computers, attend programs, and take advantage of lifelong learning opportunities.

“Our library provides access and programs for children and adults of all ages,” says Robin Shader, Library Director. “There’s really something for everyone, and it’s all free with a library card.”

Here are 30 services (besides books) available at the Bay County Public Library:

1. Children’s Storytime – We offer Book Babies and Terrific Tots on Tuesdays and Preschool Storytime on Thursdays.
2. Check Out DVDs (Movies and TV Shows) – We have over 7,000 DVDs system-wide.
3. Use Free Wi-Fi.
4. Free Computer Classes.
5. Buy Used Books – Rock-bottom prices (hardbacks \$1; paperbacks 25¢).
6. Read Magazines and Newspapers – We have over 100 popular newspapers and magazines.
7. Download Digital Magazines – We have over 80 digital magazines.
8. Law Library – The law library provides access to Westlaw and ProDocs.
9. Download E-Books – We have over 2,200 e-books in our collection.
10. Check Out Audiobooks on CD.
11. Download Audiobooks – We have over 600 downloadable audiobooks in our collection.
12. Librarians to Provide Expert Research Assistance.
13. Book-A-Librarian – Get one-on-one assistance with research or technology questions.

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14. Genealogy Research – We have Ancestry.com, American Ancestors, and more.
15. Local History Room – A treasure-trove of Bay County and Florida history.
16. Adult Literacy Classes.
17. English as a Second Language Classes.
18. Book Clubs.
19. Access an Online Encyclopedia.
20. Access Research Databases.
21. Public Meeting Room.
22. Study Rooms.
23. Computer Access – We have 30 public access computers.
24. Self-Service Scanning.
25. Copies and Printing – Black and white prints are 10¢ each; color prints are 20¢ each.
26. Art Gallery – We feature local artists every month.
27. Interlibrary Loan – We can try to access books and articles not available in our library for you.
28. Job Search Workshops – We offer workshops as well as access to online assistance.
29. Place Holds on Items Online.
30. Renew Items Online.

Beloved Peanuts® character Snoopy is the Honorary Chair for Library Card Sign-up Month 2015. Pick up a free Peanuts® bookmark at the library during September, while supplies last.

For more information on our services and how to sign up for a library card, visit the Bay County Public Library at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City or go to www.nwrls.com.

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