A library card is the most important school supply of all.

As a new school year begins and new operations are in place, we want to remind you to get your library card while you’re back-to-school supply shopping. A Manhattan Public Library card is free and provides 24/7 online access to the Library’s expansive digital collection. The library is not fully open for browsing, computer gaming, or access to the Children’s Room and Teen Zone. However, requests can be placed on books and other items, and then picked up in the library lobby after you are notified. Try our Quick Picks for Kids service to have a librarian choose some great titles for your kids.

Children under age 12 should be accompanied by a parent or adult when they come in to pick up requested items, craft bags or prizes. Parents will be contacted to pick up children who are left unattended at the library. Teens ages 12 & up can make a reservation to use a computer to work on school assignments. Thank you for your continued support and patience.

**HOW TO GET A LIBRARY CARD**

**Step one:** Fill out the online registration form at the library’s online catalog (https://bit.ly/30LmAtY) to sign your child up for a free library card.

**Step two:** Stop by the library to pick up the library card. The parent or guardian will need to show a photo ID and proof of your current address if it’s not on your photo ID.

**Step three:** Use your card to place requests on library items, or access our digital collection and resources. You now have access to over 140,000 physical items to checkout, plus more than 763,000 digital titles, for free!

**QUICK PICKS FOR KIDS**

Your kids need books! Quick Picks for Kids makes it quick and easy. Call a Children’s Librarian at (785) 776-4741 ext. 400 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You will be asked a few questions about the kind of books your kids want. We will use our knowledge of the library’s children’s collection to match up the perfect books for your family.

Up to 15 books can be placed on hold for you on your library card account. Wait until you are notified by email or text when the books are available to be picked up. Bring your library card to pick up your holds in the library.

**ONLINE RESOURCES FOR GRADES K-12**

With a Manhattan Public Library card you have access to tools for education and research, ebooks and audiobooks, and more, including these resources.

**BookFlix:** Kids can watch videos of classic storybooks and learn to read along.

**Encyclopedia Britannica:** Find trusted information in this kid-friendly source, with various reading levels.

**Hoopla:** Stream or download music, audiobooks, ebooks, movies, and TV episodes using your library card.

**Kanopy Kids:** Enjoy unlimited plays in this curated collection of movies and shows for children.

**Libby:** Access digital books, audiobooks, and magazines from your public library.

**Mango Languages:** Learn a new language with fun, conversational courses.

**TumbleBooks:** Try out this online library of animated read-along books and eBooks for PreK through 6th grade.