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**Greenville, SC** – The Greenville County Library System would like to thank Greenville County residents for participating in Card Rally 2008. September 2, 2008 marked the start of the system-wide event, which was designed to inform new and returning library card users about the available resources throughout the system. Although the card sign-up events are over, the newly designed, limited-edition library cards will be available at most locations while supplies last.

The American Library Association (ALA) began their card sign-up program in 1987. It's no coincidence that National Library Card Sign-up Month comes in September, when school is back in session. Studies show that 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. A study conducted by the ALA has also indicated that forty-four percent of families use the library together as a source of communal learning.

***About the Greenville County Library System:***

*Founded in 1921, the Greenville County Library System operates 11 facilities, a bookmobile, and a website that provide information, materials, and engaging programs delivered with world-class technology and a customer-centric approach. The Library System offers free access to resources and experiences and continually strives to be the community's destination of choice for exploring the world. For more information, visit the Library's website at [www.greenvillelibrary.org](http://www.greenvillelibrary.org).*

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