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LIBRARY COLUMN

Keep a library card in your wallet

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The credit card ad poses the question, ‘What’s in your wallet?’

A prudent answer these days is a library card. It doesn’t cost you anything or accrue interest or service charges. Instead, it allows you to better yourself by checking out free books, music, videos and magazines, access the Internet and more.

Smart idea? You bet.

Catawba County Library System is once again joining libraries around the nation to encourage citizens to sign up for a library card, or “Smartest Card.” With it, you can learn all about the world, past, present and future through books, magazines, journals, videos, recorded music available free at your public library. With it, you can become a well-read citizen.

Catawba County Library cardholders may place holds on materials through the library website www.catawbacountync.gov/library. You can download books directly from the site for use on an MP3 player or personal computer. You can also access special research tools such as NCLive. The library’s subscription to this service allow free access to a host of data bases such as NoveList, HealthlinkPlus, LearningExpressLibrary and more .

Once you have your library card, be sure to set up a PIN number. This number will allow you to place one-week holds on library materials. Your library card number (plus PIN) allows you to check your library account from home to see what you’ve checked out and the status of your hold requests. This service also allows you to renew materials on-line.

PINS must consist of four to eight characters. For security reasons, they cannot be assigned or changed over the phone. That’s why you must come to any branch with proper identification.

In addition to these benefits, Catawba County Library offers free computer classes, story times and literary events

Next month, author Daniel Barefoot will discuss his new book, *Spirits of '76*, a ghostly account of apparitions connected with the likes of George Washington and Benedict Arnold. He'll be at the Main Library at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information about library cards, services or programs, call 465-8292.



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