

Check It Out Column for week of August 30-Sept. 5, 2009

52 Ways to Use Your Library (one for each week of the year)

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Did you know your library card is a passport? You can travel to other places and times through the pages of a book! In addition, a library card places thousands of resources at your fingertips. Celebrate National Library Card Month with a trip to Warsaw Community Public Library and explore the possibilities.

1. Get to know your librarian, the ultimate search engine @ your library.
2. Update your Facebook page
3. Research new job opportunities.
4. Find a list of childcare centers in your area.
5. Learn about local candidates for office.
6. Pick up voter registration information.
7. Check out your favorite graphic novel.
8. Pick up a DVD.
9. Get wireless access.
10. Take an online class.
11. Learn to navigate the Internet.
12. Prepare your resume.
13. Get new home decorating ideas.
14. Get a list of community organizations.
15. Attend a lecture or workshop.
16. Hear a local author reading his/her latest novel.
17. Join a book discussion group.
18. Attend a story hour with your child.
19. Get homework help.
20. Look up health information.
21. Research the purchase of a new car.
22. Trek to another planet in a Sci-Fi novel.
23. Twitter.
24. Research your term paper.
25. Learn your city or town's history.
26. Decide which computer to buy using a consumer guide.
27. Check your stock portfolio.
28. Borrow an audiobook for your next road trip or commute.
29. Use the library's resources to start a small business.
30. See a new art exhibit.
31. Download an ebook for reading later.
32. Find a new recipe.
33. Get a recommended reading list for your kids.
34. Attend the teen drop-in zone.
35. Get a book from interlibrary loan.
36. Enroll your child in a summer reading program.
37. Take a computer class.

38. Sell on ebay.
39. Take out the latest fashion magazine.
40. Discover how to become an author.
41. Trace your family tree.
42. Explore a special collection of rare books.
43. Check out a legal question or issue.
44. Discover how to file a consumer complaint.
45. Learn about home improvement.
46. Plan your next trip.
47. Use the online database.
48. Find the latest romance paperback.
49. Pick up tax forms.
50. Connect with other people in the community.
51. Find a quiet spot, curl up with a book and enjoy.
52. Read a newspaper.