

Dear parents and students:

Can you name the one item that gives you access to nearly everything on the Web and in print and provides personal assistance to help you find what you're looking for? It's your library card! Library Card Sign-up Month is a time when the American Library Association, public libraries, and school libraries across the country remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

As your child's school librarian, I am pleased that all of my students and their parents have access to not only the Murphy Library Media Center but also public libraries. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful school library media center here at Murphy. Still it is my hope that all of our students will use public libraries as well. I encourage parents to bring their children to libraries early and often to help them connect to books, computers, and other resources that will help them learn and grow throughout their lives.

Connecticut has a program called Inter Library Loan (ILL) where any citizen that owns a current, town library card may borrow material

from any public library in the state for free! We also have ICONN. ICONN is the Connecticut Digital Library that provides free access to a collection of information databases and other electronic resources. Connecticut citizens may access the web site <http://www.icon.org> from home by entering their public library card number.

It is important for our children to apply for a blue, CONNECTICARD at the Raymond Library to be eligible for free access to ICONN and to use Inter Library Loan. Any resident of Montville 5 years or older can get a card. A parent or guardian must provide proof of residency (such as a license or piece of mail with your address on the front), to obtain a library card. Parents need to accompany their child(ren) to the library to get a card, prove residency, and co-sign for the card.

Why buy when you can borrow? The Raymond Library has over 10,000 books, magazines, movies, CDs and other materials for the whole family. Librarians are on hand to help recommend materials suitable for various ages and interests. Public libraries also offer a variety of

programs to stimulate an interest in reading and learning. Preschool story hours expose young children to the joy of reading, while homework centers provide computers and assistance to older children after school. Summer reading clubs keep children reading during the school vacation and have been shown to be an important factor in avoiding decrease in reading skills over the summer.

How can we instill in children the desire to read? By reading! Children need to be reading and read to daily. Research shows that the more children read, the better their comprehension, vocabulary, and reading speed becomes.

So Get Smart! Get your child(ren) and yourself a library card at Raymond Library and use it! **Any child that brings in and shows me their CONNECTICARD during the school year will receive a special gift.** So please, *Get carded @ your library* today!

Sincerely,

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Murphy Library Media Specialist

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Library Hours

Sunday Closed
Monday Closed
Tuesday 12-8
(Dec/Jan/Feb 12-7)
Wednesday 10-6
Thursday 10-6
Friday Closed
Saturday 9-1

Patrons may borrow and use

- Books
- Magazines
- DVDs, Videos, Music CD's.
Books on CD
- Four public computers with
internet access
- Inter Library Loans
- Photo copy machine

Story Hours

- Tuesday 2 p.m.
- Wednesday 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday 2 p.m.
- Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Loan Period

- 2 weeks – regular books with
telephone renewal
- 10 books per/child/card at a
time
- 3 magazines per card

Fines

- 10¢ per item, per day for
overdue books and magazines
- Maximum \$3.00 per item or
\$12.00 per group of items.

Damaged or lost items must be paid
for or replaced.

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