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What's cooler than being cool? Having a library card!

San Mateo County, CA – September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when San Mateo County Libraries joins other public libraries across the nation to promote library services and make sure that everyone has a free library card. This year, we launched our new fine-free library cards for kids and teens.

As part of this initiative, San Mateo County Libraries collaborated with California-based illustrators [Lisa Brown](#), [Christian Robinson](#), [Joe Cepeda](#), and [Alina Chau](#) to design four new library cards for kids and teens to choose. The new designs celebrate today's public library – a place to discover an incredible assortment of activities and experiences designed to help children and teens experience the joy of reading, build a love of learning, and succeed in school.

Libraries are a training ground for students of all ages to expand their knowledge and explore creative pursuits. Owing fines is a barrier to accessing these wonderful library services, especially for families with limited financial resources.

About: San Mateo County Libraries is a Joint Powers Authority that comprises the cities of Atherton, Belmont, Brisbane, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Half Moon Bay, Millbrae, Pacifica, Portola Valley, San Carlos, Woodside, and the unincorporated areas of San Mateo County. San Mateo County Libraries ignite growth through transformative experiences. Visit smcl.org for information about the Libraries and their services.

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