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**“Humboldt County Library - September is Library Card Sign-Up Month”**

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Hi, My name is Darus Trutna and for this community comment I wanted to share some cool things I have recently learned about the Humboldt County Library system as well as promote the fact for them that September is Library Card Sign-Up Month (*so head on over!*). And then, I'll wrap up this little comment today by sharing one of my favorite quotes from the historian Will Durant about the value of passing knowledge to the next generation.

So I learned more about the library this past Monday at a local Rotary meeting, when the Library Director of Humboldt County, Nick Wilczek, (*Nick, if you are listening, please excuse me for the pronunciation of your last name*), gave an excellent presentation about the many varied and valued services that are provided by our local libraries to the community. He shared that the big thing for the month of September is that it is Library Card Sign-Up Month! Throughout the month of September, the Eureka Library will host a variety of superhero-themed activities to celebrate, including drop-in crafts in the Childrens' Room and a super-powered Family Fun Night! Also, there will be a limited edition Incredibles (the superhero movie) Incredibles-themed library cards available at libraries throughout Humboldt County. So go now to see if there are any more! You can learn more about by visiting facebook or online or visiting in person.

Nick also shared that the library system had checked out nearly 1 million items in the past year, but beyond checking out books, they were numerous other educational events, fun gatherings, and quality of life benefits to our community that our libraries provide including a program I've never heard of called Zip Books. Zip books peaked my interest because I had no idea that the library had a program where they can ship books straight to your house if it is not in their inventory. How it works is really simple and cool: You go to the library to see if they have a book. If they don't have it, they will order it and ship it directly to you. Then you can read it and once completed, return it to the library so it can be added to the library's collection for others. How cool is that?

Well, I'll conclude today with one of my favorite quotes from Will Durant which, when I think of it, reminds me of the importance of libraries for future generations. He said, "If a man is fortunate he will, before he dies, gather up as much as he can of his civilized heritage and transmit it to his children. And to his final breath he will be grateful for this inexhaustible legacy, knowing it is our nourishing mother and lasting life."

That one gets the hair on the back of my neck. This has been Darus Trutna for Community Comment.