‘Tweens and Teens know that the best source for boredom busters is their library card. After school or anytime they meet up with friends at the Library, a library card is their pass for great reads, music, movies or homework help.

Get in on what your friends have already discovered — sign up for a library card at any branch during September, National Library Card Sign-up Month.

Here’s how:

• Complete an application at the checkout desk of any library branch. ID and proof of current address are required.

• Cards are issued free of charge to Greene County residents or persons who pay property tax in Greene County. If you pay property tax in Greene County but do not live there, bring a current copy of your property tax receipt.

• Non-residents of Greene County who don’t own property in the county can purchase a library membership for $65 annually. It extends library privileges to you and your family living in the same residence. For details please call or ask a librarian.

Here are just some of the cool things you can read, do and explore with your own library card.

• Wondering what you’ll do while waiting for little brother to get out of his piano practice? Watch a movie! Check out Hoopla to watch streaming movies or listen to music albums and audiobooks. Jump onto Indieflix to watch streaming film festival movies, documentaries and short films.

• Looking for something new to read? Our Greene Teens review books prior to publication, to help you decide what new author or title you'll read next! Ask a librarian how to get involved.

• Get homework help! Need ideas for an essay or class assignment? Want reliable, librarian-tested resources? Check out the homework link on TeenThing.

• Sweating about the future? Turn to Job & Career Accelerator to explore career options.
• Arr! Celebrate Talk Like a Pirate Day and get your pirattitude on—visit Mango to learn how to do that or practice more than 35 other languages. A great addition if you’re learning a language at school!

• You need a good laugh, you need to escape, but what book will take you there? Try Novelist K-8 and Novelist, to find read-alikes and books in a series.

• Ender’s Game fan? Gather with other fans and create your own paracord bracelet to wear to the movie premiere. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m. in the Library Center meeting room A.

• Love Dr. Who? Chat about all things Whovian and try out your cosplay skills at 6 p.m. Oct. 15 for grades 6-12 in the Library Center Harrison Room. (And don’t miss the Nov. 22 “Dr. Who” Tea Party at 6 p.m. for grades 6-12 in the Library Station Santa Fe Room.)

• Plug into a Teen Library Council and other cool events for you and your friends—check out library events in the Bookends magazine at any branch or online.

Get the books getting the most buzz. You’ll find them in the “Juvenile Fiction” section of the library branches.

“The Fault in Our Stars” by John Green (CD and hardcover)
Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel’s story is about to be completely rewritten.

“Divergent” by Veronica Roth (movie release March 2014; third book in trilogy releases Oct. 22, 2013); (Hoopla, e-audio, hardcover, CD, Playaway)
In Beatrice Prior’s dystopian Chicago, society is divided into five factions, each dedicated to the cultivation of a particular virtue: Candor (the honest), Abnegation (the selfless), Dauntless (the brave), Amity (the peaceful), and Erudite (the intelligent).

On an appointed day of every year, all 16-year-olds must select the faction to which they will devote the rest of their lives. For Beatrice, the decision is between staying with her family and being who she really is—she can’t have both. So she makes a choice that surprises everyone, including herself.

“Flesh & Bone” by Jonathan Maberry
The stakes are higher and the zombies are deadlier in this third of an action-packed series that’s an impressive mix of meaning and mayhem. Reeling from the devastation of “Dust & Decay,” Benny Imura and his friends plunge deep into the zombie-infested wastelands of the great Rot & Ruin. They journey through a fierce wilderness that was once America, searching for the jet they saw in the skies months ago. If that jet exists, then humanity itself must have survived somewhere. Finding it is their best hope for having a future and a life worth living. But the Ruin is far more dangerous than any of them can imagine.

“The Fifth Wave” by Rick Yancey (Large Print, hardcover, CD, e-audio; Columbia Pictures producing movie)
The Passage meets Ender’s Game in a new series from author Rick Yancey. After the 1st wave, only darkness remains. After the 2nd, only the lucky escape. And after the 3rd, only the unlucky survive. After the 4th wave, only one rule applies: Trust no one. Now, it’s the dawn of the 5th wave, and on a lonely stretch of highway, Cassie runs from Them. The beings that only look human, who roam the countryside killing anyone they see. To stay alone is to stay alive, Cassie believes, until she meets Evan Walker. Beguiling and mysterious, Evan Walker may be Cassie’s only hope for rescuing her brother—or even saving herself.
This unforgettable story is about the ability of books to feed the soul. It is 1939, Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can’t resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement.

“Everybody Sees the Ants,” by A.S. King (e-book, CD, hardcover)
Lucky Linderman didn’t ask for his life. He didn’t ask his grandfather not to come home from the Vietnam War. He didn’t ask for a father who never got over it. He didn’t ask for a mother who keeps pretending their family is fine. And he certainly didn’t ask to be the recipient of Nader McMillan’s relentless bullying, which has finally gone too far. Lucky has a secret—one that helps him wade through the daily dysfunction of his life. Grandad Harry, trapped in the jungles of Laos, has been visiting Lucky in his dreams—and the dreams just might be real: an alternate reality where he can be whoever he wants to be and his life might still be worth living. But how long can Lucky remain in hiding there before reality forces its way inside?