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Efforts Underway to Put a Public Library Card in the Hands of All BCPS Students

A working partnership exists between Bullitt County Public Schools and Bullitt County Public Library to ensure all 13,200 students have a library card prior to the 2017–2018 school year.

Called the Take 5 initiative, the collaboration is designed to make sure that even if a parent or guardian cannot take their student to the library and sign them up for a card, the student will still have access to the materials they need to make their school year a success. A Take 5 card allows its bearer to check out five physical items at a time, including books and music CDs (standard juvenile account format limits apply).

The card also provides access to online resources, including all downloadable and streaming e-media platforms along with research and learning databases. Information on these resources is sent home with students.

To date, all 172 Nichols Elementary School students have been issued Take 5 cards. They are among 879 new Take 5 accounts that have been created so far during the 2016–2017 school year.

Outreach and Program Supervisor Allison White and Public Relations Coordinator Tracy Weikel have been in touch with BCPS administrators and all school media specialists, reporting full cooperation for the endeavor.

“This is so important to our shared goals of connecting students with learning and giving them the tools and resources they need to succeed in their education and their futures,” White said in an interview.

Each Take 5 card must be renewed annually and students need to keep them in good standing, meaning returning materials on time and in good condition.

“It takes about three minutes to issue a library card,” White said, “and we have a big belief in what we do and what we have.” Library staff have made numerous school appearances to emphasize the Take 5 initiative and have set up information displays at several community events and local festivals.

Upcoming opportunities for BCPS students who do not have library cards will occur at various summer feeding program sites in June and Chromebook rollouts at each high school in July. Take 5 accounts may also be issued year-round at the library to minors who do not have an adult present to sign as a responsible party. Take 5 accounts can be upgraded to a full-access juvenile account at any time provided an eligible adult comes into one of Bullitt County Public Library’s four locations to sign as a responsible party.

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Bullitt County Public Schools has over 13,200 students in grades preschool through 12. There are 25 school facilities, a certified staff of over 900 and a classified staff of over 800 working to make the district the leader in educational excellence.

