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PUBLIC LIBRARIES CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH SEPTEMBER 2016

Commissioner Dawn L. Henry, Esq. is pleased to announce that the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums will celebrate **National Library Card Sign-Up Month**. This annual occasion is a time when the Virgin Islands Public Libraries join with the American Library Association (ALA) nationwide to ensure that every student has the most important school supply of all – **A FREE LIBRARY CARD**.

This year, nationwide, Snoopy, the world-famous beagle, who has been known as The Flying Ace, The Masked Marvel and Man's Best Friend, will add a new title to his resume as Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up Month. As Honorary Chair, Snoopy will remind parents and caregivers, children and teens that the coolest card of all is a library card! Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who regularly use the library perform better in school.

Many resources are available at your public library to anyone who has a library card. VI Public libraries offer access to a variety of print and digital resources, including free eBooks for grade levels Kindergarten through 12th grade, online resources databases, and links to a myriad of information for teens and adults.

To get a FREE library card at your local library

- 1. Bring a picture ID,
- 2. Local utility bill and
- 3. Two local references and your email/contact information that must be verified.

In addition, during the month of September, library patrons can enjoy an entire month of book amnesty to return overdue books without paying late fees and fines that may have accumulated, excluding lost and damaged books. We encourage you to then check out more books with a clean slate.

For more information on how to sign up for a FREE library card, visit your public library or download the application from the website at www.virginislandspubliclibraries.org