

News Release: PGCPS Partners with Public Library System to Offer Students Virtual Cards

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UPPER MARLBORO, MD – A trip to the local library no longer requires that students use a plastic card to check out library books or access library resources. A Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS)-Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) partnership provides students with virtual library cards, called Leap into New Knowledge (LINK).

PGCPS students can use their school-provided student identification number to check out up to three books at a time and access library resources, such as computers and wi-fi, live-online tutoring with BrainFuse, digital resources, Rosetta Stone, and much more.

"This partnership between the library and Prince George's County Public Schools works to remove every barrier we possibly can from children who will benefit from the resources that the library offers, at school and in life," said Kathleen Teaze, Chief Executive Officer, PGCMLS. "LINK accounts reflect recognizing what library service has become, not a plastic card, but access to the many services that libraries provide, from anywhere."

Dr. Kevin Maxwell, CEO, PGCPS added: "We are thrilled that our students have useful library resources right at their fingertips with their new LINK accounts. Reading is critical and the benefits are limitless: vocabulary expansion, knowledge, strong analytical and thinking skills, and better writing skills. This new partnership helps ensure that our students have the resources they need in order to succeed in school."

Students can access their LINK account by visiting the **Prince George's County Memorial Library System** (<http://www.pgcmlls.info/>) website or downloading the PGCMLS app. Students can access their LINK account by visiting the **Prince George's County Memorial Library System** (<http://www.pgcmlls.info/>) website. To sign-in, students must add their 9-digit student identification number to PGCPS and use the last four digits of their ID number as their PIN. For example, username: PGCPS100100100; PIN:0100.

Through the partnership, over 125,000 PGCPS students now have a virtual public library card.

For more information about LINK, please **click here** (<http://www1.pgcps.org/librarymedia/index.aspx?id=227085>) or call PGCPS' Office of Library Media Services at 301-386-8208.

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Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS), one of the nation's 20th largest school districts, has 201 schools and centers, more than 133,000 students and nearly 20,000 employees. The school system serves a diverse student population from urban, suburban and rural communities located in the Washington, DC suburbs. PGCPS is nationally recognized for college and career-readiness programs that provide students with unique learning opportunities, including dual enrollment and language immersion.

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