



Greetings, RCSS Parents (Guardians)

Richmond County School System students will receive a free digital library card that offers access to public library materials and online resources to support their educational success. This program is the result of a partnership between the school system, the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System (ARCPLS), and PINES (Public Information Network for Electronic Services).

### What Are the Benefits of Having a Free PLAY Card?

- Year-round and after-school access to books and eBooks.
- No late fines are assessed. Fees are only assessed for lost, long overdue (more than 90 days), or damaged items.
- Access to over 11 million books and other materials from ARCPLS and over 300 Georgia PINES libraries.
- Check out free downloadable ebooks. Audiobooks, and more with eRead Kids and Libby.
- Access to more digital resources provided by your local library such as language learning through Mango Languages and practice tests for the SAT/ACT and ASVAB.

### What If I Don't Want to Participate?

If you would prefer your student not to have a PLAY Card, you may opt out of this program by accessing and completing the online opt out form. You may navigate to the fillable form by typing the URL address in your web browser or by scanning the QR Code during the opt out period, May 1, 2023 - May 11, 2023. After the initial opt out period, you can opt out at any time by navigating to the opt out form or calling your student's school media specialist.

### What if I have more questions?

Please contact the ARCPLS Outreach Department at [outreach@arcpls.org](mailto:outreach@arcpls.org) or 706-821-2612

***If you would NOT like your child to participate in this program, please opt out using one of the following options:***

#### ***Opt Out URL***

***<https://forms.office.com/r/3ndW9JMSzz>***

#### ***Opt Out QR Code***



Sincerely,

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# PINES Library Access for Youth

## Student Library Card Program

### WHAT IS THE PLAY CARD?

The Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System and the Richmond County School System recognize the importance of literacy to a student's academic success.

We have partnered to offer the PINES PLAY (PINES Library Access for Youth) Card - a digital library card/account especially for students in grades K-12 in Richmond County public schools.



### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF A PLAY CARD?

- Check out books, audiobooks, CDs and DVDs, plus ebooks and digital resources with no overdue fines.
- Access more than 11 million items through PINES, the statewide network of public library systems.
- Connect to free homework help, tutoring, and test prep resources online anytime from home, school, or the library.
- Use your student number as a library card at your local library and online!
- Use computers and internet at your local library.

#### HOW DO I GET A PLAY CARD?

All Richmond County public school students will automatically be issued a PINES PLAY Card Account unless they opt out of the program.


Got Questions?

Call your school or our library!  
Augusta Public Library  
823 Telfair Street, Augusta, GA 30901  
(706) 821-2600



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