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September is Library & Literacy Month: Ride the WAVE FREE and Visit Any State Park FREE

Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative and Okaloosa County Transit have joined forces to provide **FREE** rides on the **WAVE** throughout the month of September. In conjunction with September being Library Card Sign-Up Month, all you have to do is show a current library card from any one of the six participating libraries (Destin Library, Crestview Library, Fort Walton Beach Library, Mary Esther Library, Niceville Library and Valparaiso Library) or the bookmobile.

Just show your library card when boarding and ride free. The promotion is good for riding ALL WAVE Routes in Fort Walton Beach, Destin, Crestview, Okaloosa Island, Destin and the NEW WAVE Express Route. Bus schedules can be found at all the libraries and on board the vehicles.

In order to get a **FREE** library card at any one of the six library locations, residents of these cities plus all residents of the unincorporated areas of Okaloosa County should bring something with adequate proof of address. Residents of any military installation located within Okaloosa County are eligible for free membership, and **active duty military always ride FREE on the WAVE**. Any employee of Okaloosa County or a member city may also apply for a free library card regardless of their place of residence. Citizens who do not fall into one of the categories mentioned above may be required to pay a fee to attain membership in a library for one year.

Entrance for Florida State Parks is **FREE** September 7 through 13, 2008, with a library card, book or book donation. Visit or call, www.floridastateparks.org, 850-245-2157 or www.readokaloosa.org, 850-609-5102 for more information. Two in three Americans have a library card – for additional information about National Library Card Month, visit the American Library Association at www.ala.org.

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