

## **PINES Library Access for Youth (PLAY) Student Library Card Program**

### **What is the PLAY program?**

The PINES Library Access for Youth (PLAY) card program gives students free access to fines-free public library materials and online resources to help them succeed in school. PINES library systems sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with local school districts to participate in the program. Library card accounts are created by PINES using data securely provided by the school district. Parents and students have the ability to opt out of the program with the school district, both before initial account creation and at any time during the year.

Each student's username is created using their student ID/lunch number combined with a unique prefix assigned to the school district, and the password is based on the two-digit month and four-digit year of the student's date of birth (ex: DIS123456; 042010).

The PLAY program is currently available to all pre-K through 12th-grade public school students in school districts serviced by PINES libraries.

### **What are the benefits of the PLAY program?**

The public library provides free access to books and online resources to help your child succeed in school, as well as fun resources that help develop a lifelong love of reading. Your public library is available all year long, including during the summer months. The "Summer Slide" is the backward movement many children make when they forget what was taught to them in the previous year. Research shows that the number one thing that prevents the summer slide is reading books.

#### ***Benefits online:***

- Search the PINES library catalog of over 11 million items for books, DVDs, audiobooks, and other materials at over 300 libraries across Georgia.
- Place items on hold for free delivery to your library branch of choice.
- Store lists of books you've read and would like to read.
- Check out free downloadable ebooks and audiobooks for all ages.
- Access digital resources provided by your local library.

#### ***Benefits in-person at the library:***

- Check out up to five items (books, DVDs, audiobooks, etc.).
- Pay no late fines! (*\*fees apply only for lost or damaged items*)
- Ask expert library staff for book recommendations.
- Pick up books you've had delivered from other PINES libraries.
- Enroll in classes and programs offered by your local library, including summer reading programs and tutoring services.