

**“The 3 For Me program proved to be the most valuable community partnership for our school this year. Simply put: it was a difference-maker. The increased access to books and other library resources built momentum and excitement toward reading and resulted in our students making noticeable growth.”**

– **Kevin Dunn, Williamsburg Elementary School principal,**  
2016-2017 academic year.

### THE 3 FOR ME CARD CAN BE USED FOR A LIMIT OF THREE PRINT ITEMS:

**KIDS** (ages 11 and under): Access to juvenile fiction, graphic novels and juvenile nonfiction; picture books and beginning readers

**TEENS** (ages 12-18): In addition to above, access to young adult fiction and graphic novels plus all nonfiction books

Both cards have access to the library’s online collection: eBooks, eAudiobooks and eResources

### THE 3 FOR ME INITIATIVE TAUGHT LIBRARY STAFF BEST PRACTICES WE WANT TO SHARE:

- One educator in each building can coordinate the 3 For Me initiative.
- Library staff will provide copies of a poster, bookmarks, card applications and letters to parents and teachers. PDFs of these materials are available on the library’s website if more copies are needed. Visit [clermontlibrary.org](http://clermontlibrary.org).
- Distribute the 3 For Me card applications to each teacher in the building.
- Library staff members will collect the card applications for processing and bring the cards to school in envelopes with each teacher’s name for easy distribution.
- A school announcement can be made about 3 For Me and encouraging students to read. Promote the card to parents on the school’s social media pages, website and newsletters.
- If children return public library books to the school library, staff will be happy to pick them up. Some schools have opted to place a return bin in the office or school library for convenience.
- Encourage students to read eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines available through the Library’s website.
- Introduce students to the library using the Library Stars program. Library Stars is a recognition program for students who use the library to do homework or check out books. They record their visits on a chart and are recognized at the end of the school year. Prizes are awarded for every fifth visit between October and April.
- At the end of the school year, encourage students to return their borrowed books. Check lockers for public library books. The library staff will be happy to pick up any materials returned to school.
- Schedule a Summer Reading assembly to encourage students to read during the summer. Summer reading can prevent the summer slide and help good readers improve their skills. Library staff will be happy to help.
- Send a list of required reading to the library so staff can make sure to have enough copies.
- Remind students they can use their 3 For Me card during the summer.
- Add a library card to next year’s school supply list.
- Anytime you have a question, please do not hesitate to call the library. Our staff is happy to help.