

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; libraries are an essential resource in communities across Wisconsin, offering free and accessible information to the public and serving as centers of knowledge and opportunity where community members of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can feel safe and represented; and

*WHEREAS*; protecting and investing in public libraries is important to creating and maintaining more engaged communities, promoting a greater understanding of one another, and fostering a stronger democracy; and

*WHEREAS*; high-speed internet is not always accessible to Wisconsin's communities, and libraries can provide critical access to computers and Wi-Fi and often offer hotspots or laptops that can be checked out for use at home; and

*WHEREAS*; libraries disseminate information, instruction, and guidance, and help ensure history is preserved truthfully and with integrity, and Wisconsin's librarians go above and beyond to provide social and informational services to all who utilize their expertise; and

*WHEREAS*; in addition to boasting book-lined shelves and friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful librarians and staff, libraries also offer periodicals, audiobooks, and e-books, making the path to reading more accessible than ever; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins libraries, librarians, and library staff, supporters, and advocates in encouraging all Wisconsinites to sign up for a library card, visit their local library, and support local libraries across the state;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2024 as

## NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 16th day of August 2024.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State