

WHEREAS; good for the mind and the soul, reading can improve test scores, promote scholastic achievement, foster strong comprehension and writing skills, enhance memory and concentration, reduce stress, and provide enriching entertainment for people of all ages; and

WHEREAS; books can be enjoyed independently or communally, and group-oriented social interaction, such as book clubs, group discussions, and reading aloud to friends and family, can help encourage reading engagement in kids and adults alike; and

WHEREAS; by developing strong reading habits like reading before bed, utilizing audiobooks or e-readers, visiting local libraries, or joining a book club, individuals can achieve their reading goals and connect with others while exercising their creativity, imagination, and literacy skills; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin is home to numerous independent bookstores and a robust public library system, and shopkeepers and librarians across the state are well-poised to make recommendations, help readers find a good book, and provide expert opinions to all who may need them; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to visit their local library, shop at a local independent bookstore, and, most importantly, take time to pick up a book and read;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim September 6 2026 as

NATIONAL READ A BOOK DAY

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 26th day of August 2026.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State