



Proclamation

“LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH”

WHEREAS, libraries are essential for the education and development of children, offering everything from preschool storytimes to college and career planning resources for high school students, nurturing literacy and a love for reading; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide welcoming and inclusive spaces where individuals from all backgrounds can learn and connect, bridging cultural, ethnic, generational, and economic divides, and strengthening the social fabric of their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries are committed to creating and maintaining diverse programs and collections that reflect the communities they serve, ensuring equitable access for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries assist people of all ages in navigating life's complexities, offering access to research, information, and government services that enhance productivity and fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, libraries boost the local economy by providing critical access to technology and training for job-seekers, entrepreneurs, and students; and

WHEREAS, during times of crisis, libraries and their staff play a vital role in supporting communities both in-person and virtually; and

WHEREAS, the shared resources provided by libraries help households save money, conserve resources, and reduce waste, offering a simple way to make a positive impact; and

WHEREAS, a library card ignites creativity and empowers individuals to explore new interests and pursue lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, libraries uphold democracy by promoting civic engagement and the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brett Barker, Mayor of the City of Nevada, IA, do hereby proclaim: *September, 2024 as Library Card Sign-up Month*

I, Mayor Brett Barker, encourage everyone to sign up for their own library card today.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of Nevada, Iowa to be affixed this 9th day of September, 2024.



Brett Barker, Mayor