



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Libraries create welcoming and inclusive spaces for people of all backgrounds to learn together and engage with one another; and

WHEREAS: Libraries and librarians play a crucial role in the education and development of children. Librarians are literary experts, offering everything from preschool story hours to summer reading clubs that sustain school-year learning; and

WHEREAS: Libraries provide a learning environment that fosters joyful exploration, encouraging students to research subjects that they are genuinely curious about; and

WHEREAS: A library card is free to any Jacksonville resident and serves as the gateway for people to pursue their dreams, explore new passions and interests, and find their voice; and

WHEREAS: Jacksonville Public Library consists of over twenty regional, community, and neighborhood branches and offers programming, resources, and other services to community members of all ages; and

WHEREAS: A Jacksonville Public Library card can be used to access in-person and online resources free of charge. Every citizen can benefit from possessing a library card.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONNA DEEGAN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to sign up for their own library card.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 25th Day of Aug. in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.


MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA