

# 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 general 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*; our state recognizes the importance of protecting and investing in our public libraries to create and maintain more aware and engaged communities, promote a greater understanding of one another and the things that unite us, and foster a stronger democracy; and

*WHEREAS*; libraries ensure history is preserved truthfully and with integrity, and disseminate information, instruction, and guidance, and our state's librarians go above and beyond to provide social and informational services to members of their communities; 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 before; and

*WHEREAS*; over 60 percent of adults in the United States have a library card, and research shows that students who attend schools with well-staffed and well-funded libraries are among the highest achievers; and

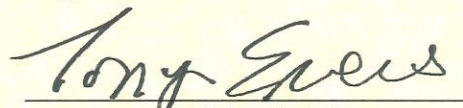
*WHEREAS*; this month presents an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to visit their local library, sign up for a library card, and support local libraries across our state;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

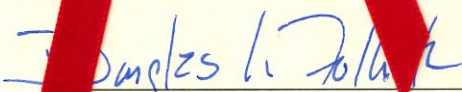
## NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 2021.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

