

A Tradition of Stewardship A Commitment to Service

## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

## Library Card Sign-up Month – September 2022

**WHEREAS**, libraries are long standing institutions in our community, dedicated to supporting the needs and interests of a broad, diverse population through in-person and remote collections of materials; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County recognizes the importance of protecting and investing in our public libraries to create and maintain a more aware and engaged citizenry, promote a greater understanding of each other and the things that unite us. In Fiscal Year 2021/2022, the Napa County Library circulated over 800,000 items to more than 35,000 cardholders and families; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries have expanded beyond their traditional roles to provide opportunities for residents to explore educational and recreational interests by checking out games, puzzles, instruments, binoculars, telescopes and more; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide access to unbiased information about health, environment, housing, culture and countless other areas to help people live longer, more fulfilled, engaged and productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries support equality and social change by providing spaces, programs, technology and access to information for all residents regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability or socioeconomic status; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries partner with an array of outside organizations to provide an expansive range of programs, services and outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of crisis, emergency or disaster, libraries and library staff play an invaluable role in providing support for the community; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are places of joy and opportunity, where people gather to read, connect with one another, and learn new skills for personal enjoyment and professional achievement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Ryan Gregory, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, do hereby designate September as Library Card Signup Month throughout Napa County. I encourage all members of the community to take the opportunity to visit their local library, sign up for a card and learn all that this essential resource has to offer.