

# Library Card Sign-up Month – September 2025

**WHEREAS**, since 1987, **Library Card Sign-up Month**, recognized each year in September, has been dedicated to encouraging every child to obtain a library card to support them in expanding their minds and supporting their education; and

**WHEREAS**, the American Library Association has designated the 2025 **Library Card Sign-up Month** theme as *One Card, Endless Possibilities*, highlighting that a library card opens the door to far more than books—from free classes and job resources to homework help, streaming media, and cultural events—connecting communities to knowledge, inspiration, and one another; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries evolve to meet to needs of their surrounding community, curating offerings and creating programs that reflect the diversity of the populations they serve, ensuring equitable access to information, technology, and cultures; by offering access to books, games, technology, instruments, job search support, and essential services – serving community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries strengthen local economies and sustainability efforts by equipping individuals with tools for personal and professional growth, while promoting resource sharing and environmental responsibility through shared public goods; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of both crisis and calm, libraries and their staff remain steadfast in supporting the public with reliable information, safe gathering spaces, and vital services; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County recognizes the value of investing in public libraries to support an informed, connected, and engaged community. In fiscal year 2024-25, the Napa County Library circulated nearly a million items to more than 50,000 cardholders and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Napa County Library partners with both Napa Valley Unified and Calistoga Joint Unified School Districts to provide library cards, called *Student OneCards*, ensuring access to physical and digital library materials and live homework help in English and Spanish fostering learning from an early age; and

**WHEREAS**, a library card opens the door to limitless possibility – inspiring curiosity, supporting education, and celebrating the power of lifelong discovery.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025, proudly recognizes **September 2025** as **Library Card Sign-up Month** in Napa County, and urges all members of the community to discover the endless opportunities a library card provides. The Board further extends its deep gratitude to the dedicated County library staff, whose daily commitment, creativity, and care make our libraries vibrant centers of learning, imagination, and community connection.

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