

Library Proclamation

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;

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;

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

WHEREAS, libraries assist people of all ages, offering access to research, information, and government services that enhance productivity and fulfillment;

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

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

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;

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

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Dave Ruth, Jr. proclaim September as Library Card Sign-Up Month in Deadwood, SD and encourage everyone to sign up for a library card today.

Mayor, David Ruth Jr.