



A RESOLUTION in recognition of the 125th anniversary of Mead Public Library.

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan Common Council voted to establish a public library 125 years ago following a \$20,000 donation from James Mead, who sought to provide a place “for the amusement and literacy culture” of residents; and

WHEREAS, Mead Public Library first opened its doors on Nov. 1, 1897 with the Rev. James Churm, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, becoming the first person to check out a book, selecting “Jack and Jill,” by Louisa May Alcott; and

WHEREAS, the library has undergone multiple expansions over the years and continuously evolved its services to meet the changing needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the library today serves as a vital community hub connecting people with ideas, resources and technology and is an accessible and inclusive local institution that fosters a sense of belonging and community for all; and

WHEREAS, today cardholders have access to over 1 million items and an array of technological and multimedia resources, along with meeting rooms, dedicated spaces for kids and teens, and diverse educational programs that together offer the opportunity for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves;

WHEREAS, the library aspires to create a vibrant, cohesive and informed community;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mead Public Library Board of Trustees commends Mead Library for 125 years of outstanding service and commitment to our community.

Dated this 27nd day of October, 2022

Garrett Erickson Library Director

Maeve Quinn Board President