

# Proclamation

## LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

**WHEREAS**, libraries are foundational to education, imagination, and opportunity, offering everything from early literacy programs to digital tools that support lifelong learning and personal growth for all segments of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries welcome all people, serving as inclusive and accessible community hubs that connect individuals across cultures, generations, and experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, library programs, displays, and materials serve as resources for voluntary inquiry, the dissemination of information and ideas, and the promotion of free expression and free access to ideas; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries curate collections and design programs that reflect the diversity of the populations they serve, ensuring equitable access to information, technology, and culture for all; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries help individuals navigate life's challenges by providing trusted information, and digital access; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of both crisis and calm, libraries and their staff remain steadfast in supporting and strengthening their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, library resources help households save money, reduce waste, and make sustainable choices, all through the simple power of a shared public good; and

**WHEREAS**, a library card opens doors to endless possibilities, from books and technology to lifelong learning and imagination; and

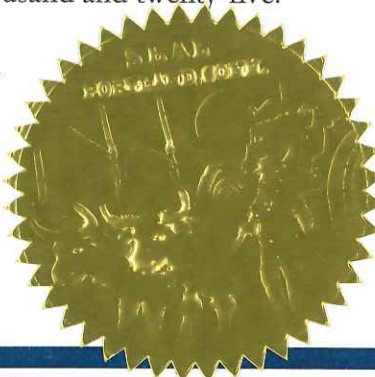
**WHEREAS**, the Portland Public Library aspires to be the heart of the community; a space that is accessible, adaptable, and responsive to the personal and professional needs of its diverse users.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Michael A. Pelton, First Selectman of the Town of Portland Connecticut do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2025** as "**Library Card Sign-up Month**" and encourage all residents to sign up for a Portland library card and explore the endless possibilities it offers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Portland to be affixed this 20 day of August in the year two thousand and twenty-five.

By, 

Michael A. Pelton  
First Selectman  
Town of Portland, Connecticut



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