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Governor Evers Issues National Library Card Sign-Up Month Proclamation

(Madison, Wisconsin) The Wisconsin Library Association thanks Governor Tony Evers for his proclamation in recognition of **Library Card Sign-up Month** this September. The Governor's recognition of libraries as an essential community resource and library cards as a critical tool for empowering students and fueling academic success is much appreciated. A copy of the proclamation can be found <u>here</u>.

Throughout the month of September, Wisconsin libraries will join Governor Evers, the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind parents, caregivers and students to get the school year off to the best possible start by signing up for a library card - the first step on the path to academic achievement and lifelong learning. In a separate proclamation, Governor Evers also established September 6 as **National Read a Book Day** throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Wisconsin libraries offer a wide range of resources - from early literacy programs to virtual homework help and GED classes, helping transform lives and communities through education. Want to learn more? Visit your local library, sign up for a library card, and support your local library today!

Since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the ALA and libraries work together in a national effort to ensure every child signs up for their own library card. To learn more, visit www.ala.org.

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