

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-639**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2024 AS  
6 LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH; PROVIDING AN  
7 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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9 **WHEREAS**, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting  
10 the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville Public Library has a mission to enrich  
12 lives, build community, and foster success by bringing people,  
13 information, and ideas together; and

14 **WHEREAS**, libraries play a crucial role in the education and  
15 development of children, from early childhood reading programs to  
16 homework help and college planning for high schoolers; and

17 **WHEREAS**, since 1987, Library Card Sign-up Month has been held  
18 each September to mark the beginning of the school year, and during  
19 this month, libraries unite in a national effort to ensure every  
20 child signs up for their own library card; and

21 **WHEREAS**, public libraries and library staff will assist  
22 parents and caregivers throughout the school year by saving hundreds  
23 of dollars on educational resources and services for students; and

24 **WHEREAS**, a library card is one of the most cost-effective back-  
25 to-school supplies available, providing free access to technology,  
26 research, books, videos, digital content, library spaces, enriching  
27 and educational events, and helpful library staff members; and

28 **WHEREAS**, libraries help people of all ages navigate the  
29 complexities of life, providing access to research, information, and  
30 government services that allow everyone to lead more productive and  
31 fulfilling lives; and

1           **WHEREAS,** libraries are welcoming and inclusive spaces for  
2 people of all backgrounds to learn together and engage with one  
3 another across cultural, ethnic, generational, and economic lines,  
4 strengthening the social fabric of the communities they serve; and

5           **WHEREAS,** libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and  
6 collections that are as diverse as the populations they service and  
7 ensure equity of access for all; and

8           **WHEREAS,** libraries contribute to a strong local economy by  
9 providing access to the technology and training that is critical to  
10 the success of job-seekers, entrepreneurs, and students; and

11           **WHEREAS,** in times of crisis, libraries and library  
12 professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities  
13 both in person and virtually; and

14           **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville Public Library cardholders borrowed more  
15 than 4.2 million books, DVDs, e-books, e-audiobooks, and streaming  
16 videos in the last year; now therefore

17           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

18           **Section 1.**           The City Council hereby proclaims September 2024  
19 as "Library Card Sign-Up Month." During this month, all Duval  
20 residents who do not have a Jacksonville Public Library card are  
21 encouraged to obtain one for free, online or at any Jacksonville  
22 Public Library Location. All those who have an active Jacksonville  
23 Public Library card are urged to speak with their friends, colleagues,  
24 and neighbors about the benefits of a free Jacksonville Public Library  
25 Card.

26           **Section 2.           Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
27 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
28 without the Mayor's signature.

1 Form Approved:

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3           /s/ Shannon MacGillis          

4 Office of General Counsel

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