

Agenda Item: 1.a

Meeting Date: September 1, 2026

MEMORANDUM

To: City Commission

Through: Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

From: Phyllis Gorshe, Library Director

Date: 2026-08-17

Subject: Library Card Sign-Up Month Proclamation

Presenter(s): Phyllis Gorshe, Library Director; Staff; and Friends of the Library

Staff Recommendation: Share proclamation recognizing September as Library Card Sign-Up Month, and upcoming Library programs, including celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Library in the current building.

Strategic Themes: Customer Focused, Stewardship & Innovation

Boards & Committees: Library Advisory Committee

Budget Impact: N / A

Past Action: Every September, the Dunedin Public Library celebrates Library Card Sign-Up Month.

Next Action: Share proclamation and encourage everyone to sign-up for, or renew, their library card during the month of September.

Attachments: [A. Library Card Sign-up Month Proclamation \(2026\).pdf](#)

Background: Library Card Sign-Up Month is celebrated every September. The campaign started in 1987 as a response to then Secretary of Education, William Bennett, who stated: "... Let us have a campaign; Every child should obtain a library card and use it."; in an effort to emphasize the importance of library cards to a child's education, and to combat illiteracy.

The event subsequently began in 1988 through the American Library Association. The month long campaign promotes the value of a library card and all the services available. With your library card, you have access to books, e-books, audiobooks, online databases and so much more!