

The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

A Proclamation

Whereas: Since 1987, Library Card Sign-Up Month has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. During the month, the American Library Association and libraries unite in a national effort to ensure all children sign-up for their own library cards; and

Whereas: The Portsmouth Public Library and its professional staff are invaluable resources, there to assist all members of the community – adults, children, business owners and employees, City staff and visitors alike – with a wealth of free materials and guidance shaped to meet their interests and needs while saving library cardholders hundreds of dollars; and

Whereas: A library card is one of the most cost-effective back-to-school supplies available, offering educational resources and services for students of all ages, from free access to STEAM programs and activities, educational apps, in-person and virtual help and technology, to the expertise of the librarians; and

Whereas: With a library card community members can discover new and exciting worlds that fire the imagination. From borrowing audiobooks to streaming movies to taking virtual Do It Yourself classes to learn new skills, the Portsmouth Public Library opens the door to so much there is to access with a library card. A Portsmouth Public Library card is a doorway to past, present and future and the best possible memento to acquire during Portsmouth's 400th year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor, hereby proclaim that the City of Portsmouth joins with cities across the nation in declaring September

Library Card Month

and encourage all members of the community to get a library card to discover all the services, resources, programs and dedicated staff who make the Portsmouth Public Library – free and open to all – one of the City's greatest treasures.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 5th day of September 2023

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth