



PROCLAMATION

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; and

WHEREAS, libraries welcome all people, serving as inclusive and accessible community hubs that connect individuals across cultures, generations, and experiences; 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, digital access, job search support, and connections to essential services; and

WHEREAS, libraries contribute to thriving local economies by equipping job seekers, entrepreneurs, students, and creators with tools and training to succeed; and

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


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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as Library Card Sign-up Month in the City of Ankeny, Polk County, Iowa and encourage all residents to sign up for a library card and explore the endless possibilities it offers.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Ankeny to be affixed this 2nd day of September 2025.


Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:


Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

