



## 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

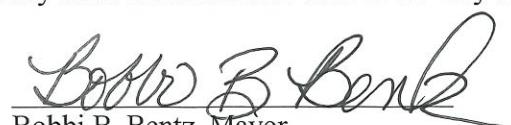
**WHEREAS**, libraries contribute to thriving local economies by equipping job seekers, entrepreneurs, students, and creators with tools and training to succeed; and

**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.

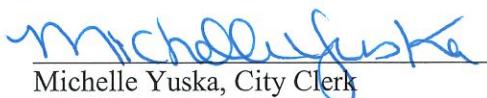
**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Bobbi Bentz, Mayor of the City of Ankeny, Iowa, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as Library Card Sign-up Month in the City of Ankeny, Polk County, Iowa and encourage all residents to sign up for a library card and explore the endless possibilities it offers.

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



Bobbi B. Bentz, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Yuska  
Michelle Yuska, City Clerk

