

1 [Library Card Sign-Up Month - September 2025]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the month of September 2025 as Library Card Sign-Up Month in**
4 **the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, September is nationally recognized as Library Card Sign-Up Month, a time
7 to encourage all residents to discover, or rediscover, the many benefits of holding a library
8 card; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) is consistently ranked among the
10 top urban libraries in the country, with more than 27 neighborhood branches in addition to the
11 historic Main Library at Civic Center, making free resources accessible in every corner of the
12 City; and

13 WHEREAS, A San Francisco Public Library card provides access to far more than
14 books, it opens the door to millions of e-books and audiobooks, streaming movies and music,
15 online courses, research databases, and language-learning tools, along with free passes to
16 museums and cultural institutions through the popular *Discover & Go* program; and

17 WHEREAS, Library cardholders also receive free streaming access to *Kanopy*, a
18 world-class digital platform featuring award-winning films, documentaries, independent
19 cinema, educational content, and children’s programming, broadening cultural access for all
20 San Franciscans; and

21 WHEREAS, SFPL is a critical partner in education and literacy, offering afterschool
22 tutoring, free homework help, early-learning programs for children, and digital literacy
23 resources for seniors and adults, ensuring equitable access to knowledge across generations;
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1 WHEREAS, The SFPL also hosts *Night of Ideas*, a free annual cultural event held at
2 the Main Library that brings together scholars, artists, writers, activists, and policymakers in a
3 nocturnal marathon of debates, performances, interactive workshops, and family-friendly
4 programs, highlighting the Library’s role in fostering dialogue, cultural exchange, and civic
5 engagement; and

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco’s libraries serve as trusted community anchors and safe
7 civic spaces, providing shelter, internet access, job-search support, small business resources,
8 cultural programming, and vital information in multiple languages to residents of all
9 backgrounds; and

10 WHEREAS, In today’s political climate, where censorship, book bans, and attacks on
11 diversity and inclusion are on the rise across the country, the San Francisco Public Library
12 continues to model intellectual freedom, affirming the right of every person to read, learn, and
13 explore ideas without restriction; and

14 WHEREAS, Access to a free library card helps to bridge the digital divide, expand
15 opportunity, and strengthen civic life in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby declares September
17 2025 as Library Card Sign-Up Month in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board encourages all residents, from lifelong San
19 Franciscans to newcomers, to sign up for a free San Francisco Public Library card and take
20 advantage of the world-class resources, programs, and opportunities that our public library
21 system provides.

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