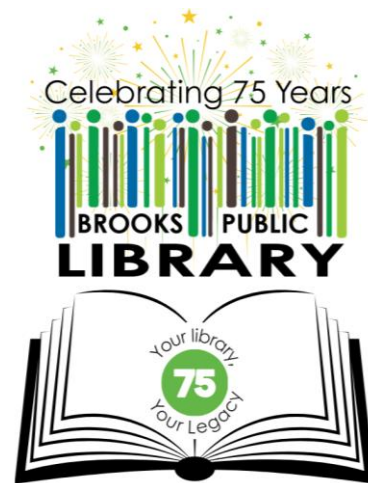


Brooks Public Library Seeks Sponsor for 75th Anniversary COMMUNITY CARDS Initiative

Brooks Public Library is proud to announce that 2026 marks its 75th Anniversary. Since first opening its doors on March 10, 1951, in the basement of the Ladies Community Rest Room, the library has grown from a modest collection of 2,000 books to a vibrant community hub serving the City of Brooks and the County of Newell.



To honour this milestone and thank the community for seven and a half decades of support, the Library Board is pleased to announce that all library memberships will be free for the duration of 2026. The standard \$10 annual fee for adult memberships is waived for all residents within the Shortgrass Library System until December 31, 2026. Patrons with current memberships expiring in 2026 have already had their memberships automatically extended by one year. "Seventy-five years is more than just a milestone for an organization; it represents generations of curiosity, learning, and connection," says Lisa Patton, Library Director. "By offering free memberships this year, we want to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to explore our resources as we celebrate our shared history."

Brooks Public Library is looking for a sponsor willing to make a \$15K donation to offset the funds usually raised through membership sales. We'll be advertising all year long that free library cards in 2026 are courtesy of a generous donation from that donor.

Please reach out by email if you'd like to support Brooks Public Library in it's 75th Anniversary year!

Warmest Regards,

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