

National Library Week 2023 Proclamation

WHEREAS, today's libraries are more about what they can do with and for their communities, and not just about what they have on the shelves;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, often the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and academic campuses;

WHEREAS, libraries serve people of all ages, interests and backgrounds providing the resources and space to engage in life-long learning;

WHEREAS, libraries offer equipment and professional staff support to utilize technology, programs and services; often free or with nominal charges to users;

WHEREAS, libraries are a resource for all - regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the world today;

WHEREAS, libraries provide access to and display a wide range of information not just a majority opinion or single perspective;

WHEREAS, librarians hold the professional values of diversity, equity and inclusion to meet the needs of all users;

WHEREAS, the PA Forward®, Literacy is POWER, initiative highlights how libraries and staffs encourage literacy in Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial, which contributes to greater personal and community success;

WHEREAS, America is celebrating National Library Week, including April 25 as National Library Workers' Day and the immeasurable contributions made by library workers; April 26 as National Outreach Day showing library services are not limited to their physical location; and April 27 as Take Action for Libraries Day encouraging community support for libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Montgomery Township proclaim National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023 in our township. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit our libraries, and explore all that they offer to help move PA Forward®!