

# COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

## PROCLAMATION

**CHPL National Library Week: April 19-25, 2026**

Libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, Columbia Heights Public Library provides a space where individuals of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery 50 hours each week for a total of 2,468 service hours last year.

Columbia Heights Public Library serves as a community hub and meeting space, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and cultural enrichment; Last year 104,553 people visited our City library.

Columbia Heights Public Library provides free and equitable access to books, media, and digital resources, ensuring that all individuals – regardless of language, background, or mobility – have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive; 183,557 physical and digital resources were borrowed from the library in 2025.

Columbia Heights Public Library empowers job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support continuing education, career growth and economic success; Last year, library computers were used 24,947 times, and 44,362 people logged onto the library Wi-Fi with their own devices.

Columbia Heights Public Library nurtures young minds through story times, field trips, Tinker Times, Summer Adventures - fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; In 2025, 4,468 youth attended 132 library programs.

Columbia Heights Public Library protects the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as a champion of intellectual freedom and free expression. Dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all.

Libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “**Find Your Joy!**”

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby declare of April 19-25, 2026, as **National Library Week in Columbia Heights**. I encourage all residents to visit our library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the Library helps our community find joy.

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**Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor**  
**March 23, 2026**