

## National Library Week 2025 Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities;

**WHEREAS**, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning;

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

**WHEREAS**, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

**WHEREAS**, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success;

**WHEREAS**, libraries nurture young minds through Storytime, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime;

**WHEREAS**, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression;

**WHEREAS**, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “**Drawn to the Library**”;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Mayor Barry N. Hottman, proclaim April 6–12, 2025, as **National Library Week**. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2025.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barry N. Hottmann, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lauree Aulik, Clerk/Treasurer