



# National Library Week Proclamation

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**WHEREAS,** Today's libraries are not just about books but what they have for and with people;

**WHEREAS,** libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses;

**WHEREAS,** Libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect;

**WHEREAS,** Libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise;

**WHEREAS,** Libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy;

**WHEREAS,** Libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues;

**WHEREAS,** Librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met;

**WHEREAS,** Libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information;

**WHEREAS,** Libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities;

**WHEREAS,** libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating

**National Library Week**

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor of the City of Lansing, State of Kansas, proclaim National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

City of Lansing

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Anthony R. McNeill, Mayor

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Tish Sims, City Clerk