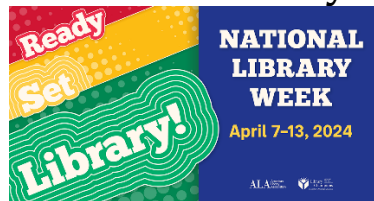




PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor



National Library Week 2024

- WHEREAS:** Today's libraries are less about what they have on the shelves and more about what they can do with and for their communities, whether it's through virtual services or in-person visits; and
- WHEREAS:** Libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for people of all ages, interests, and backgrounds. They are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses; and
- WHEREAS:** Libraries offer members of the community opportunities to explore new passions through technology, programs, and services. The Middletown Township Public Library is currently undergoing renovations to include an innovative new Makerspace and History Room; and
- WHEREAS:** Libraries and librarians help patrons find tools and resources to help improve the quality of their lives. The Middletown Township Public Library prioritizes user accessibility through different initiatives, such as its locker pickup system and Chromebook and hotspot kits; and
- WHEREAS:** Libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy. They strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and
- WHEREAS:** Libraries and librarians work to create an equitable society by providing free access to accurate information to all people; and
- WHEREAS:** In times of crisis, libraries play a critical role in continuing to support their communities when they need it the most; and
- WHEREAS:** Libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America will soon be celebrating National Library Week. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim it **National Library Week** in the Township of Middletown from April 7-13, 2024. During this time, we encourage community members to visit the Middletown Township Public Library's website (mtpl.org) and social media channels to check out its diverse programming, special events, and new features.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this 8th day of April in the year two thousand twenty-four*

Mayor Tony Perry