

**Proclamation
National Library Week 2023
April 23-29**

WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life. Libraries have long served as trusted institutions providing assistance to community members of all ages, interests, and backgrounds. They strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve, ensure equity of access for all, and adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships;

WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. They are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

WHEREAS, the Library Board and staff have adopted the motto **Inform. Inspire. Include.** which personifies the commitment they have for the Novi community and celebrating National Library week and its theme **There's More to the Story**;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Bob Gatt, Mayor of the City of Novi, on behalf of the Novi City Council, proclaim National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit the library to explore the wealth of resources available.

Bob Gatt
Mayor