



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, today's libraries are less about what they have on the shelves and more about how they are a resource within their communities; and

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

**WHEREAS**, libraries are treasured institutions that preserve our collective heritage and knowledge, safeguarding both physical and digital resources for present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer the opportunity for everyone to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue their passions, through books, technology, programs, and services; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, thus contributing to local prosperity and growth; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries also promote a sense of local connection, the free exchange of ideas and information, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians help patrons find tools to help them learn, grow, and improve the quality of their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, developing and expanding collections, programs, services, and resources to benefit the population they serve; and

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

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted institutions that are an essential public good and are fundamental to our Constitutional Republic, working to improve society, encourage informed and engaged residents, provide education and literacy resources, and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Todd Jordan, Mayor of the City of Tupelo, Mississippi, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the city and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026, as

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-six.

**ATTEST:**

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Todd Jordan, Mayor

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Kim Hanna, City Clerk