

## National Library Week Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, today's libraries are more about what they can do with and for their communities, and not just about what they have on the shelves;

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, often the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and academic campuses;

**WHEREAS**, libraries serve people of all ages, interests and backgrounds providing the resources and space to engage in life-long learning;

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer equipment and professional staff support to utilize technology, programs and services; often free or with nominal charges to users;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are a resource for all - regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

**WHEREAS**, we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the world today;

**WHEREAS**, librarians hold the professional values of diversity, equity and inclusion to meet the needs of all users;

**WHEREAS**, America is celebrating National Library Week for the immeasurable contributions made by library workers;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor of the City of Kaukauna, proclaim National Library Week, April 19-25, 2026 in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit our libraries and explore all that they offer.

Date this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

  
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Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor

