

Proclamation

Whereas National Library Week was first sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) in 1958 as “a national observance of libraries across the country and a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support”; and

Whereas libraries are an inclusive resource for all Wisconsin residents regardless of race, ethnicity, age, citizenship, literacy level, ability, family structure, income level, health status, gender identity, sexuality, style of dress, familiarity with public libraries - or any other dimension of identity - that offer equitable services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities; and

Whereas libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, villages, towns, schools, and campuses where librarians contribute their professional experience and commitment to build strong communities through transformative services, programs, partnerships, and expertise to fulfill their community’s aspirations; and

Whereas libraries and librarians are committed to a shared goal to improve life and learning opportunities for all Wisconsin residents at all stages in their lifelong learning journey from birth and early childhood, to school-age, to graduates who are ready for college and career, to civically-engaged adults who are empowered by free access to and exchange of information to make informed decisions for the betterment of their community.

Therefore, be it resolved that the week of April 7-13, 2019, be declared National Library Week, a time to support Wisconsin libraries by visiting your local library and honor the individuals who work in our libraries by engaging with your librarian and the staff who make your library possible.

National Library Week

Libraries = Strong Communities

April 7-13, 2019



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carolyn Stanford Taylor".

Carolyn Stanford Taylor, State Superintendent