



# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect. Libraries promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all. They are cornerstones of democracy; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of community events and issues; and
- WHEREAS,** librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met, and libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to information; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status by offering services and educational resources that transform lives and strengthen communities.
- WHEREAS,** libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, may it be known that I, Dan Devine, Mayor of the City of West Allis, State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim

**April 7-13, 2019**  
**"NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK"**

I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

Dan Devine  
Mayor of West Allis