

National Library Week 2016 Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools;

WHEREAS, libraries are evolving in order to serve their communities and to continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open up a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programing, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources and the power of reading;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and deliver new services that connect closely with patrons' needs;

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Brian Hatch, Mayor of Knoxville, proclaim National Library Week, April 10-16, 2016. 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.