

**National Library Week 2020
Proclamation**

WHEREAS, today's libraries are less about what they have on the shelves and more about what they can do with and for their communities;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all ages, interests and backgrounds can come together and learn alongside one another;

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

WHEREAS, libraries offer members of the community a welcoming space and opportunities to explore new passions through technology, programs and services;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians help patrons find tools to help improve the quality of their life;

WHEREAS, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy;

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians work to create an equitable society by providing free access to accurate information to all people;

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 programming that transform lives and strengthen communities;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Brian Hatch, proclaim National Library Week, April 19-25, 2020. During this time, I encourage all residents to visit the library (VIRTUALLY!), a place where we can all belong and discover who we are. Because of you, Libraries Transform.