



PROCLAMATION

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

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, whether it's through virtual services or in-person visits; 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 for people of all ages, interests and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians build strong communities through transformative services, programs and expertise; and

WHEREAS, libraries promote civic engagement by keeping people informed and aware of issues and events; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers partner with other civic organizations to make sure their community's needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians empower their communities to make informed decisions by providing free access to accurate information to all people; 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; and

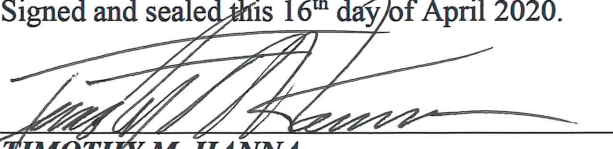
WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, library volunteers and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the week of April 19 through April 25, 2020, as

National Library Week

and I encourage all residents to visit library websites to access resources and services remotely. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

Signed and sealed this 16th day of April 2020.


TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON

