

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 1897, the City of Appleton opened its first publicly owned library and reading room using the council quarters above Petersen-Rehbein Meat Market at 106 W. College Avenue and hiring Agnes Dwight as the first professional librarian in the city; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 126 years the Appleton Public Library has evolved alongside our community, serving as a source of information, innovation, inclusion, and community connectedness; and

**WHEREAS**, the library staff and the community work in partnership to build strong communities and promote civic engagements through transformative partnerships, programs, services and expertise; and

**WHEREAS**, our library is a symbol of our community's aspirations and a welcoming beacon for all to learn, know, gather, and grow.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 7-13, 2024, as

## Library Week

in Appleton and encourage all residents to visit the temporary library at 3000 E. College Avenue. I encourage patrons to join in the programming that will occur throughout the community, continue to access the library's website and electronic resources, and look forward to the new library's grand opening.

Signed and sealed this 1st day of April 2024.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON