

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Appleton Public Library is a cornerstone of our community, fostering curiosity, creativity, and lifelong learning through its vast collection, digital tools, and dynamic programming;

WHEREAS, in only the first two weeks open in the newly renovated space, Appleton Public Library has seen 30,743 checkouts, 22,639 visitors, and has welcomed 1,441 new library cardholders and renewed 2,433 cards demonstrating the community's enthusiasm for knowledge, discovery, and connection;

WHEREAS, in those **first two weeks** the library spaces such as study rooms, conference rooms, creation studios, the sensory room, and the Mary Beth Nienhaus Community Meeting Room, were used 450 times, supporting collaboration, creativity, and individual growth;

WHEREAS, Appleton Public Library serves as a hub for literacy, learning, and civic engagement, empowering job seekers, students, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners with free and equitable access to information and technology;

WHEREAS, Appleton Public Library continues to champion intellectual freedom, protect the right to read, and provide a welcoming space where individuals of all ages can explore, learn, and thrive;

WHEREAS, librarians and library staff play an essential role in ensuring these resources and opportunities remain available, enriching our community with their dedication and expertise;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme "Drawn to the Library";

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Jacob A. Woodford, proclaim April 6–12, 2025, as

National Library Week

I encourage all residents to visit Appleton Public Library, explore its resources, and celebrate the many ways the library connects, educates, and inspires our community.



Signed and sealed this 11th day of March 2025

Jacob A. Woodford, Mayor