

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, Appleton Public Library is a cornerstone of our community, fostering curiosity, creativity, 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; 1,243 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 room, 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, librarians, 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





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THANK YOU!
APL
STAFF

Dear Arlington Public Library Staff:

I just want to take a moment to share my appreciation for everything you do. The library has been such a meaningful part of my family's life. When my son was born, I was a single mom and the library was a place to stay, connect, and learn. During COVID, the library was a really needed safe space for all of us. The staff were so helpful, offering my kids a place to go and read. The library has been taking my kids to the library and I love it. The staff are so helpful and I love the librarian you made sure all of our kids could enjoy the books and the computer.

Now that my kids are getting older, I'm looking forward to having my library experience on my own. I love that the library has everything for every stage of life, and I'm so grateful for the staff who make it all happen. Thank you for all that you do, you make a real difference!

With love and appreciation,





