

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, on September 1, 1897 the City of Appleton opened it's 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.

**WHEREAS**, over the past 125 years the Appleton Public Library has evolved alongside our community, serving as a source of information, innovation, inclusion, and community connectedness.

**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 3-9, 2022 as

## Library Week

in Appleton and encourage all residents to visit the current library one last time before its last day of service on April 12 and to join us at our temporary site at 2411 S. Kensington Drive starting May 23. In the meantime, 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 in the fall of 2023.

Signed and sealed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON