

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, today's libraries are not just about books but what they do for and with people;

WHEREAS, libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools and campuses;

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all backgrounds can be together and connect;

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

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

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

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

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

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;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, John David Smith Jr., Mayor of Winchester, do hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019. I encourage all residents to visit any branch within Handley Regional Library System – Bowman Library, Clarke County Library, or Handley Library - this week and explore what's new and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

*John David Smith, Jr.*  
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