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PROCLAMATION

National Library Week

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

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community; and

WHEREAS, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building; and

WHEREAS, libraries support students, families, and educators in all learning environments, providing access to internet, digital resources, and instructional materials; and

WHEREAS, for people lacking internet at home, libraries provide access to computers and wi-fi, even checking out internet hotspots; and

WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; and

WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their community; and

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

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I, John David Smith, Jr., Mayor of Winchester, Virginia, proclaim National Library Week, April 4-10, 2021. During this week, I encourage everyone to visit any branch within Handley Regional Library System – Bowman Library, Clarke County Library, and Handley Library – or access their Digital Library online – to connect with valuable materials, services, and programs. Because of you, Libraries Transform lives and communities.



Mayor John David Smith, Jr.

"Be a safe, vibrant, sustainable community while striving to constantly improve the quality of life for our citizens and economic partners."