



# Proclamation

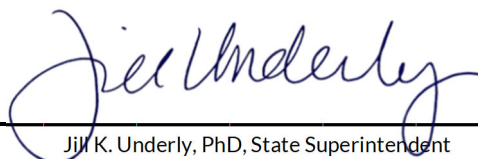
BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

## National Library Week

- WHEREAS: The first National Library Week was observed in 1958 to encourage reading; and
- WHEREAS: Libraries offer the opportunity for everyone to connect, learn new skills, and pursue their passions, no matter where they are on life's journey; and
- WHEREAS: Libraries provide free access to books, technology, multimedia content, workforce development, and educational programs; and
- WHEREAS: Libraries support the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and
- WHEREAS: Libraries are accessible, inclusive, and safe spaces fostering a sense community; and
- WHEREAS: Libraries, librarians, and library workers adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities and play an invaluable role in developing and expanding collections, programs, and services that are as diverse as the communities they serve; and
- WHEREAS: Libraries are treasured institutions that preserve our collective heritage and knowledge, safeguarding both physical and digital resources for present and future generations; and
- WHEREAS: Libraries have long served as trusted institutions promoting the equity of access to resources for people regardless of age, ability, racial identity, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, citizenship, income level, or educational background;
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare April 7-13, 2024, National Library Week and encourage Wisconsinites to visit their local library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us.

**National Library Week Proclaimed the Week of April 7-13, 2024**



  
Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

