

## BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

National Library Week, April 23 – 29, 2023

- WHEREAS: the first National Library Week was observed in 1958 to encourage reading; and
- WHEREAS: libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore innovative ideas and become their best selves through free access to books, technology, multimedia content, workforce development, and educational programs; and
- WHEREAS: libraries promote equity of access to resources for people regardless of age, ability, racial identity, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, citizenship, income level, or educational background; and
- WHEREAS: libraries support the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and
- WHEREAS: libraries, librarians, and library workers adapt to the everchanging needs of their communities and play an invaluable role in supporting and connecting community members;
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare April 23-29, 2023, as National Library Week and encourage Wisconsinites to connect with their local libraries where everyone is welcome to use their resources.

## National Library Week

There's More to the Story April 23 – 29, 2023



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