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**PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

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

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

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

WHEREAS, libraries are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

WHEREAS, we are proud of our Waukesha Public Library and the vital services it provides to our community; and

WHEREAS, in 2025 the Waukesha Public Library was visited by 311,246 people and issued 3,844 new library cards, saving patrons checked out 1,013,917 items, saving them \$15,254,390; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across the United States are celebrating National Library Week; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alicia Halvensleben, Mayor of the City of Waukesha do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026 as

National Library Week

Signed this 21st day of April 2026

Alicia Halvensleben, Mayor
City of Waukesha