

# National Library Week 2025 Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Palatine Library District inspires connection, curiosity and joy. Welcoming everyone to access diverse materials, collaborative spaces, technology, programs and services.

**WHEREAS**, the Library serves as a vibrant community hub, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning;

**WHEREAS**, the Library provides free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

**WHEREAS**, the Library partners with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

**WHEREAS**, the Library empowers job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success;

**WHEREAS**, the Library nurtures young minds through storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime;

**WHEREAS**, the Library protects the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression;

**WHEREAS**, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “Drawn to the Library”;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Palatine Library District Board of Trustees, proclaim April 6–12, 2025, as National Library Week. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

**PROCLAIMED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.