

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2021

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES OF ALL TYPES ARE AT THE HEART OF THEIR CITIES, TOWNS, SCHOOLS, AND CAMPUSES, SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES ARE ACCESSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE PLACES THAT FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AND COMMUNITY;

WHEREAS, THE RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES RED BANK PAST AND PRESENT THROUGH ITS LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT DIGITAL ARCHIVES CATALOG AND THE RED BANK ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL CONTEST.

WHEREAS, TODAY'S LIBRARIES AND THEIR SERVICES EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE FOUR WALLS OF A BUILDING AND EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO USE THEIR RESOURCES;

WHEREAS, FOR PEOPLE LACKING BROADBAND AT HOME, LIBRARIES PROVIDE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND WI-FI, EVEN CHECKING OUT INTERNET HOTSPOTS AND LAPTOPS;

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;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE TO EXPLORE NEW WORLDS AND BECOME THEIR BEST SELVES THROUGH ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY, MULTIMEDIA CONTENT, AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS;

WHEREAS, IN TIMES OF CRISIS, THE RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY PLAYS AN INVALUABLE ROLE IN SUPPORTING THEIR COMMUNITIES BOTH IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY THROUGH INNOVATIVE SERVICES SUCH AS CURBSIDE DELIVERY, ACCESS TO ELECTRONIC RESOURCES, PROVIDING FREE WIFI ACCESS BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE THE BUILDING, AND OFFERING OVER 300 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES.

WHEREAS, TO ADAPT TO OUR CHANGING WORLD, LIBRARIES ARE EXPANDING THEIR RESOURCES AND CONTINUING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THEIR PATRONS;

WHEREAS, THE RED BANK PUBLIC LIBRARY PROMOTES THE FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BY REMOVING BARRIERS TO LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES BY ELIMINATING OVERDUE FINES;

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;

WHEREAS, LIBRARIES, LIBRARIANS, AND LIBRARY WORKERS ARE JOINING LIBRARY SUPPORTERS AND ADVOCATES ACROSS THE NATION TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I PASQUALE MENNA, MAYOR OF THE BOROUGH OF RED BANK PROCLAIM NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK, APRIL 4-10, 2021 AND DURING THIS WEEK, I ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO VISIT THEIR LIBRARY ONLINE TO ACCESS RESOURCES AND SERVICES. BECAUSE OF YOU, LIBRARIES TRANSFORM LIVES AND COMMUNITIES.



PASQUALE MENNA
MAYOR