

PROCLAMATION

BOROUGH OF RED BANK

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2023

WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; **WHEREAS,** the Red Bank Public Library, a cornerstone of the community, enhances the social, cultural, and intellectual life of the greater Red Bank area; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

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; and

WHEREAS, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

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 the William Portman, Mayor of the Borough of Red Bank proclaim National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023. During this week, we encourage all residents to visit their library to explore the wealth of resources available.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of April 2023.



William Portman, Mayor