Celebrate National Library Week - April 7 - 13, 2019
Local Community Leaders will participate as Community Readers at the Worcester Public Library

Worcester, MA – The Worcester Public Library joins libraries of all types in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs and expertise.

April 7-13, 2019 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Libraries are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools and campuses. They have public spaces where people of all backgrounds can come together and connect.

Library programs encourage community members to meet to discuss civic issues, work together using new technologies, or learn alongside one another in English language classes. Library staff also partner with other civic and service organizations to actively engage with the people they serve, always striving to make sure their community’s core needs are being met.

“The library helps lead our community by advocating for widespread access to crucial services and lifelong learning,” said Head Librarian Geoffrey Dickinson. “Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who seek information and access to technologies to improve their quality of life.”

The Worcester Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with community readers, a library card help desk, a “What brings you to the library
today display, and a book exhibit. There will also be an annual survey to help the library plan for the future.

Community readers include Tim Garvin of the United Way of Central Massachusetts; Timothy Loew of the Worcester Public Library Foundation Board of Trustees; Stephanie Pasha, President of the Worcester Public Library Board of Directors; and City Councilor Matthew Wally.

The Main Library will also be hosting a special exhibit with favorite books chosen by community leaders. This display includes Senator Harriette Chandler; Senator Michael Moore; Mayor Joseph Petty; and Matilde Castiel, MD, Commissioner of Health and Human Services.

The Library Express mobile libraries “Libby” and “Lilly” will also be on the road next week as we honor National Bookmobile Day on Wednesday, April 10.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information on the Worcester Public Library and a complete list of events and programs visit mywpl.org. For more information on National Library Week please contact Linnea Sheldon, Community Relations and Communications Manager at the Worcester Public Library at 508-799-1654 or lsheldon@mywpl.org.

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