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Connect with Your Library this National Library - Week April 3-9

Worcester, MA – During National Library Week, the Worcester Public Library (WPL) invites all community members to "Connect with Your Library" by visiting one of the seven WPL locations across the city, visiting the website mywpl.org to access virtual services and resources, or attending a visit with the bookmobiles. 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 3-9, 2022 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.

"Over the past two years, library workers of the nation, and especially those at the Worcester Public Library, delivered new and innovative services that connected community members throughout the pandemic," said WPL Executive Director Jason Homer. "I can think of no group more deserving of celebrating, and I hope you take time to visit and connect with the amazing staff of the Worcester Public Library."

City Manager Edward M. Augustus, Jr. will be visiting WPL to show his support for libraries during a Stories and Songs story time for children 5 and under on Monday, April 4 at 11 a.m.

WPL will be celebrating all week long with a book display featuring Senator Harriette Chandler; Senator Michael Moore; Mayor Joseph Petty; Councilor Sarai Rivera; City Manager Augustus; International Journalist Erica Ayisi; Terry Dorsey-Potts of the Friends of the Worcester Public Library; Tim Loew of the Worcester Public Library Foundation; Robert Sorrenti, MD, President of the WPL Board of Directors; and Matilde Castiel, MD, Commissioner of Health and Human Services. There will also be a fun contest with prizes that will be announced on the library's social media.

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

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

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