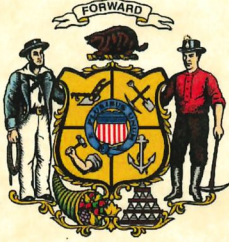


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; libraries of all types are at the heart of cities, towns, schools, campuses, and communities throughout Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community, and have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all people regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or income; and

*WHEREAS*; libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve, and are committed to ensuring equity of access for all; and

*WHEREAS*; libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs; and

*WHEREAS*; for people without internet access at home, libraries provide access to computers and Wi-Fi, and may even offer internet hotspots and laptops that can be checked out; and

*WHEREAS*; in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting communities across our state—both in-person and virtually—and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, in particular, libraries have gone above and beyond to meet the evolving needs of their users; and

*WHEREAS*; our state recognizes the importance of protecting and investing in our public libraries to promote the free exchange of information and ideas and, ultimately, to strengthen our democracy; and

*WHEREAS*; the theme of this year's National Library Week, "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their resources and services; and

*WHEREAS*; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins libraries, librarians, and library workers, supporters, and advocates in encouraging all Wisconsinites to sign up for a library card, visit their local library, and support local libraries across our state;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 4 – 10, 2021, as

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the  
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin  
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in  
the City of Madison this 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
April 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Evers".

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Douglas La Follette".

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

