

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, National Library Week has been sponsored by the American Library Association since 1958 as a national observance of libraries across the country, and is a “time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support”; and

**WHEREAS**, Cottage Grove’s library services surpass bricks and mortar, as library professionals continue to adapt and develop innovative ways to deliver library materials and services that transform lives and support lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools;

**WHEREAS**, librarians have long championed their community members’ right to access information privately, and serve as an essential refuge where everyone can check out materials or browse the internet without their information being shared; and

**WHEREAS**, library staff play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually as the world continues to fight COVID-19. In times of crisis, libraries of all types and their workers serve millions of library users in need of free access to WiFi, eBooks, accurate information, and digital social services; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries work to serve all community members, including people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable in our communities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds and promote inclusion and diversity;

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide early literacy programs for children, interest based programs to engage teens and tweens, and lifelong learning programs for adults and many elder patrons;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor of the City of Cottage Grove, do hereby proclaim April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup> as National Library Week and April 5<sup>th</sup> as National Library Workers’ Day. I encourage all residents to support the library and explore the options to using your library during COVID. Because of you and our experts in the library, Libraries Transform.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cottage Grove to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2022.



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Jeffrey D. Gowing, Mayor  
City of Cottage Grove, Oregon