



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Proclaiming April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week

WHEREAS, National Library Week (April 23-29, 2023) is a time to celebrate all that libraries do. This year's theme is "There's More to the Story"; and

WHEREAS, Most people know about the wealth of stories available at the library, from picture books and large print to audiobooks and ebooks. But there's so much more to the story of libraries; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are welcoming spaces that bring communities together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, storytimes, movie nights, crafting classes, lectures, and more; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; 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, National Library Week highlights the valuable role our libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our community of Sebastopol and the greater Sebastopol area; and

WHEREAS, the Sebastopol Library goes above and beyond to keep Sebastopol connected by expanding resources and embracing diversity, equity and inclusion in programming, resources and collections and works together with the City to ensure the continued success of our Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT I, Neysa Hinton, Mayor of the City of Sebastopol, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week and encourage to visit their library in person or online to explore and access services and programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 18th day of April, 2023.