

Proclamation

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2026

WHEREAS, National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in strengthening our communities and transforming lives; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Find Your Joy," is an invitation for people of all backgrounds to explore and discover what sparks joy in them at the library; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park Library, through its brick-and-mortar two locations at 800 Alma Street and 100 Terminal Avenue and a wide range of online resources, inspires creativity and brings together people of all ages and walks of life, from young families seeking educational play and storytime, to teens hanging out together in an enriching and safe environment after school; from seniors seeking technology help and lifelong learning to entrepreneurs sketching out their next project; the library helps us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park Library's mission is to provide equal access to information and resources for all residents and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park Library continuously adapts to the evolving needs of the community by providing public access to books, computers, and high-speed internet; study and learning spaces; early childhood literacy programs; cultural and educational events to support lifelong learning and enrichment for community members of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menlo Park Library receives grassroots support from local residents through volunteering, through fundraising by Friends of Menlo Park Library and Menlo Park Library Foundation, and with the support and advice of the City Council-appointed Library Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Betsy Nash, Mayor of the City of Menlo Park, on behalf of the City Council and City, do hereby proclaim and celebrate April 19 – 25, 2026 as National Library Week in Menlo Park.

Betsy Nash, Mayor
March 24, 2026