

The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

A Proclamation

Whereas: National Library Week is celebrated April 19th through 25th this year, with the theme “Find Your Joy” because, as we know, libraries spark imagination, lifelong learning, and community connections; and

Whereas: Library Week was created in 1958 by the American Library Association (ALA), to support local libraries and library workers and we are drawn to the Portsmouth Public Library because it is one of the treasures of our City, open and free to all who wish to take advantage of the resources and guidance the Library and its staff have to offer; and

Whereas: Tuesday, April 21st is recognized as National Library Workers Day and is therefore an occasion to celebrate the tremendous team who act as community compasses to help library patrons “Find the Joy” by leading us to endless opportunities for engagement, enrichment, and development; and

Whereas: Portsmouth Public Library provides a variety of events, courses, discussions, and opportunities for young and old, offering a place to find new ideas, lifelong learning, new friends, and, yes, Joy; and

Whereas: The Portsmouth Public Library, through all of these efforts, strengthens our community and transforms the lives of our residents for the better.

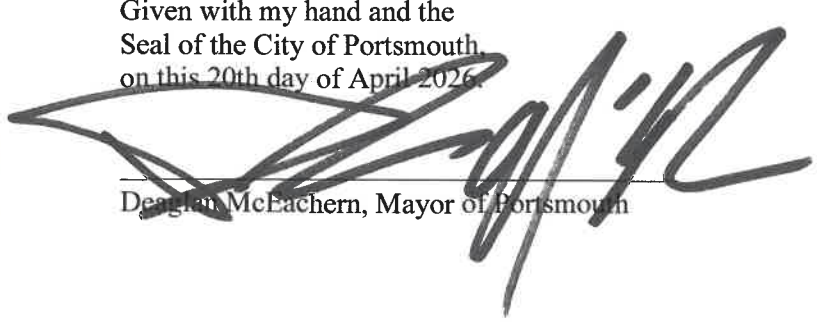
Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and citizens of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim April 19-25, 2026

National Library Week in Portsmouth

and call upon the residents of Portsmouth to get to know our library even better than they may already and to recognize our library professionals as being dedicated to elevating our minds and lives – because they and their resources help us “Find Our Joy.”



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth
on this 20th day of April 2026.


Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth