



**Official Proclamation**  
**National Library Week**  
*April 19, 2020 – April 25, 2020*

**WHEREAS**, today's libraries are less about what they have on the shelves and more about what they can do with and for their communities;

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions where people of all ages, interests and backgrounds can come together and learn alongside one another;

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

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer members of the community a welcoming space and opportunities to explore new passions through technology, programs and services;

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians help patrons find tools to help improve the quality of their life;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, which promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all, are cornerstones of democracy;

**WHEREAS**, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve;

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians work to create an equitable society by providing free access to accurate information to all people;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are a resource for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and educational programming that transform lives and strengthen communities;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Bartlesville proclaims National Library Week, April 19-25, 2020. During this time, we encourage all residents to visit the library, a place where we all belong and gather, to encourage discovery, advance knowledge, and to enhance who we are. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we hereunto set our hands and caused the Official Seal of the City of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, to be affixed this 6th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

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Dale Copeland, Ward 1 and Mayor

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Paul Stuart, Ward 2

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Jim Curd, Jr., Ward 3

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Alan Gentges, Ward 4 and Vice Mayor

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Trevor Dorsey, Ward 5