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Libraries Strengthen Their Communities: Celebrate National Library Week April 7-13

For immediate release—This week, public libraries in Berks County join libraries of all types in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs, and expertise.

April 7-13, 2019 is National Library Week, an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Libraries are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses. They have public spaces where people of all backgrounds can come together and connect.

While often associated with books, today's public libraries offer a full spectrum of services and programs, helping open doors of new opportunities for their patrons. These programs encourage community members to meet and discuss civic issues, work together using new technologies like 3D printing, or learn alongside one another in English language classes. Library staff also partner with other civic and service organizations to actively engage with the people they serve, always striving to make sure their community's core needs are being met.

As the world continues to grow, libraries are here to help patrons explore that bigger world.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

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