

Proclamation

Recognizing

April 19-25, 2026 as National Library Week “Find Your Joy”

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Library has proudly served the residents of the City of Orange for generations as a trusted center for knowledge, literacy, culture, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Library provides access to extensive print and digital collections, technology resources, early literacy initiatives, workforce development tools, cultural programming, and special collections that preserve and celebrate the history of Orange; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Library provides an adult literacy program designed to expand educational opportunities in the community and help lifelong learners achieve their goals in reading and writing; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Library continues to meet the evolving needs of the Orange community by implementing innovative services that extend beyond traditional library offerings, including a Pop-Up Library that brings resources directly into neighborhoods, expanded digital access through mobile hotspots, wireless printing, and a user-friendly mobile app, as well as creative learning environments such as a Teen Innovation Lab; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Library further enhances access and discovery through circulating special collection items, including state park passes, telescopes, school readiness kits, and other hands-on learning tools that support education, exploration, and opportunity for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the Orange Public Library serves as a community leader by partnering with the Library Board of Trustees, Orange Public Library Foundation, and Friends of the Orange Public Library as well as City departments, schools, nonprofit organizations, and community groups to deliver inclusive programming, expand access to literature and lifelong learning opportunities, and ensure that library services reach residents where they live, work, and gather; and

WHEREAS, the American Library Association has designated April 19–25, 2026, as National Library Week with the theme “Find Your Joy”, encouraging individuals to discover inspiration, creativity, connection, and opportunity through their libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Slater, Mayor of the City of Orange, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 19–25, 2026** as **National Library Week** in the City of Orange and encourage all residents to visit the Orange Public Library, explore its innovative services and programs, and celebrate the many ways they can **“Find Your Joy.”**

DATED this 14th day of April 2026.

Daniel R. Slater, Mayor