

Celebrating National Library Week

Libraries = Strong Communities

First introduced in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries, big and small, all across the country. It is a time to celebrate 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. How can you celebrate? Here are some suggestions:

Visit your library.

Head to your public, school, or academic library during National Library Week to see what's new and take part in their unique celebration.

Show your support for libraries on social media.

Follow your library, the American Library Association, and I Love Libraries on social media and join the celebration on social media by using the hashtags #NationalLibraryWeek and #LibrariesTransform.



Newspaper Activities:

Like libraries, local newspapers help strengthen the communities they serve. Here are several ways you could use your newspaper and your favorite library together to participate in National Library Week:

- Select a photograph or other graphic image of something local from the newspaper and pretend it is the cover art for a book. Make up a title for the book and then write a few sentences about the book and whether the book is fiction or non-fiction.
- Choose a comic strip from the newspaper. Based on what you know of the cartoon characters, draw a comic strip with these characters visiting their local library. Imagine what each character might ask the librarian.
- Select a current news story and looking through the books or other media available at your library, make a connection between the article and a book or movie you've checked out or are planning to borrow. (Example: a news report about hockey - the autobiography of Gordie Howe, "Mr. Hockey: My Story") What is it that connects your news item and library selection?
- Visit your favorite library and find a book that interests you. Then looking through the newspaper, find an article that grabs your attention. What do these things have in common? How are they different?

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