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PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES HONOR LIBRARIES AS COMMUNITY PILLARS DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2018

Mechanicsburg, PA (April 24, 2018) – All counties in Pennsylvania were asked to highlight and honor their local libraries and the value they bring to communities during National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018.

Sponsored by the American Library Association, the designation is designed to celebrate the contributions of libraries and library workers around the country and is used to encourage library use and support. Libraries are catalysts for empowering individuals to think, act and to aspire and are serving their communities in innovative ways to bring about positive change.

“The library embraces the entire community, offering expansive opportunities for personal growth and lifelong learning,” said Christi Buker, PA Library Association Executive Director. “Libraries provide for people of all ages and all demographics who are seeking the information and access to resources and technologies that will improve their quality of life. Often, it is the library that helps residents connect with both public and private services and levels the digital divide seen with the growing expense of equipment, software, and internet service.

“Libraries truly do lift up and lead their communities,” Buker noted. “Every individual who uses the library to inform themselves or to gain a new skill, strengthens not only themselves, but also contributes to the community as a whole. It was only fitting that this year’s National Library Week theme, Libraries Lead, showcased all that our libraries provide. It was also a way to appreciate countless library staffers throughout Pennsylvania for all they do to help citizens tap into their potential.”

Libraries from the following counties shared photos with the Pennsylvania Library Association, noting the official proclamations:

- Allegheny County
- Berks County
- Blair County
- Butler County
- Chester County
- Cumberland County
- Dauphin County
• Delaware County
• Erie County
• Greene County
• Jefferson County
• Lackawanna County
• Lycoming County
• McKean County
• Monroe County
• Northampton County
• Northumberland County
• Pike County
• Potter County
• Tioga County
• Warren County
• Washington County

“We thank all of the county commissioners, local officials and administrators as well as the participating libraries for all they did to showcase the amazing work of libraries throughout National Library Week,” added Buker. “We will continue celebrating our libraries every day for all they do to provide support, resources and assistance to everyone.”

Visit the Association’s FB page at https://www.facebook.com/PALibraries to view the submitted photos.


To learn how to become more involved with a library in the local area, visit the PA Library Association at www.palibraries.org or call 717-766-7663.

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