



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**2023**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries connect people to technology by providing access to computers, broadband internet, hotspots, and trainings that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, and engagement, as well as new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their resources, services, and partnerships; and

**WHEREAS**, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries strive to ensure equity of access for all by developing and maintaining programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are pioneers supporting democracy and effecting social change, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the state of North Carolina and beyond to celebrate National Library Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 23 – 29, 2023, as “**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



**Roy Cooper**  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.