

Libraries Transform: National Library Week April 9th-15th, 2017

Richmond, MO – Next week, the Ray County Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

The Ray County Library will join libraries of all types in a national, unified effort to increase awareness of the changing role of libraries and the ways in which libraries are transforming to meet the digital and print information needs of their users.

As part of the national celebration April 9th-15th the Ray County Library will sponsor a poster contest for children in grades PK-6th, book drawing baskets for children and adults, and library book bag drawings. Stop in and take part in the fun festivities or to see the art work of our young local artist.

“Service to the community has always been the focus of the library,” said Rochelle McCaulley Library Director, “While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community.”

Rapid advances in technology are fueling a library renaissance. No longer just places for books, libraries now offer an assortment of free digitally-based programs and services including ebooks and technology training. Such tech-based resources are transforming lives through digital literacy and lifelong learning, contributing to education, employment, entrepreneurship, engagement and empowerment. Yet libraries are often overlooked as catalysts for powerful individual and community change.

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. “Today’s libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people,” said American Library Association President, Sari Feldman. “Libraries of all kinds foster individual opportunity that ultimately drives the success of our communities and our nation.”

For more information regarding Ray County Library’s programs and services please visit raycountylibrary.com or call 816-776-5104.

For more information about Libraries Transform and to share a story about how libraries have transformed your life, please visit librariestransform.org.