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It's National Library Week

April 8-15

When you think of a library, the first thought that comes to mind is likely a place you can check out a book to read. But today's libraries are increasingly more: they play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in our communities.

In recognition of libraries, librarians, and library workers, Mayor Christine Lundberg proclaimed April 8-15 as National Library Week, joining a movement throughout the nation that encourages residents to visit their local library and discover what today's libraries have to offer.

"Many residents may not realize the breadth of resources available here at the Library," Springfield Public Library Director Emily David said. "We really are a center for activities and resources geared toward helping residents learn, discover, and pursue their goals."

The Springfield Public Library serves as an educational resource with many programs that expand on school curriculum. It's also a place for workforce development as many residents create their resumes and job hunt from Library computers; and the Library offers teaching space for guest lecturers to host workshops.

"There is more happening at the Library than ever," David said.

Springfield Public Library offers programming to people of all ages and has seen a 500 percent increase in attendance. The Library has also expanded access to free services like Freegal, Mango Languages, Overdrive, Beanstack and more. Most recently, Springfield Public Library hosted a sign up for Library cards in the Glenwood neighborhood of Springfield; helping more than 40 residents access Library resources.

Visit wheremindsgrow.org to learn more about Springfield Public Library activities and services.

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