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13-9, 2022, NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

PAINESVILLE, OH, April 7, 2022 – Lake County Commissioners declare the week of April 3-9, 2022, as National Library Week in Lake County, Ohio. It is the time of year when communities acknowledge the positive impact of libraries, promote our local libraries and their staff, and wholeheartedly thank our libraries for the role they play in transforming lives and strengthening communities.

National Library Week started in 1958 and is observed by libraries across the country during April. The theme for this year's celebration is "Connect With Your Library." This week is a chance to learn more about what our Lake County libraries offer the community. The library is no longer just for books, but so much more.

Libraries are places where communities connect to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other.

"This week, we celebrate all libraries, especially Lake County libraries, as the most used and most trusted community centers and knowledge resources," said Commission President John Hamercheck. "We celebrate our library workers who assist our residents every day. Our libraries are used by all, for all of life's needs."

"Lake County libraries have made strides in keeping their connections to our community in spite of the many different obstacles they faced during the pandemic. This April, we certainly have a lot to celebrate. I encourage all residents to join in the celebration by joining, visiting, and advocating for your library," said Commissioner John Plecnik.

"The libraries in Lake County stay connected with their communities and support ongoing learning and leisure activities. They provide access to knowledge and technology that many of our citizens find essential in pursuing careers and achieving personal goals. I am honored to recognize the great work that librarians and their staff do in Lake County," said Commissioner Ron Young.