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RML Celebrates National Library Week April 23-29, 2023

(WAYNE, PA) – Radnor Memorial Library encourages all community members to visit the library during National Library Week, April 23-29, to explore the programs, services and book collections the library offers.

RML is a welcoming, well-cared for space that brings our community together for entertainment, education, and connection through ongoing programs such as the RML cookbook club, storytimes with Miss Carrie, Miss Maria and Miss Sue, author events, history lectures, music performances and museum passes for area cultural institutions.

During the Library's September 2022 survey we heard from the Radnor community about how it appreciates the importance of the Library, its collections, programs, and staff.

"The Library is an important building block of our community"

"The renovation transformed the library into a more welcoming space."

"The Library does everything well. I particularly appreciate the friendly staff. Also the variety of spaces and the comfortable seating for folks of different ages and sizes."

"Provides a beautiful cared-for space for residents to use."

Libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs. RML supports the community in the township with services including meeting rooms, early literacy classes, and programs for teens.

Visit RML during National Library Week, April 23-29, and see why it is the community's destination for engagement and discovery.

The township has had a Library since 1809. It began as a subscription based library with a collection of 17 books. In 1892 a Charter was drawn creating the Radnor Library Association, and a Board of Directors was formed. The following year the library building - on Lancaster Ave.

- was completed, and in 1929, with a \$3,000 bequest from A.G. Markley, a room for children was added. In 1930 the School Board gave the library financial support for the first time with a recurring annual gift of \$1,250. And in 1940 the library opened to the public as The Wayne Library with the Board of Commissioners pledging an annual \$1,500 contribution.

In 1946, with growing support from the community, the commissioners, and the school board, the Library was expanded and dedicated to the memory of the men and women from the community who lost their lives in World War II. The Wayne Library was renamed the Memorial Library of Radnor Township; this official name is retained today. In 1980 the library moved to a new building, which was renovated and expanded in 2014.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country.

For more information, visit the library's website at radnorlibrary.org

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The Radnor Memorial Library is located at 114 West Wayne Ave., Wayne, PA and is part of the Delaware County Library System. We are the community's destination for discovery and engagement, a home for cultural and intellectual enrichment and learning. Learn more at radnorlibrary.org