

WHEREAS, for over 100 years, bookmobiles and other direct-delivery outreach services have played a vital role in fulfilling the mission of libraries, bringing diverse resources and the expertise of librarians directly to all kinds of communities;

WHEREAS, since 1969 the Dane County Bookmobile has served the Cottage Grove community and played a vital role in supporting community quality of life,

WHEREAS, bookmobiles are modern, changing, and dynamic mobile information centers for the 21st century, providing not just books, but DVDs, music, resources for job searches, and more;

WHEREAS, library workers provide more than just books, but a variety of resources and services that transform lives through education and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, diverse and equitable library programs provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions, allowing them to live their best life, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, library resources 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;

WHEREAS, bookmobiles, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week, an opportunity for library advocates to make their support known—through thanking library staff, writing a letter or e-mail to their libraries, or voicing their support to community leaders;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Cynthia Kelm-Nelson, Cottage Grove Library Board President along with the members of the Cottage Grove Library Board, do hereby recognize Wednesday, April 26, 2023 as *National Library Outreach Day*, a day to celebrate library outreach and the dedicated library professionals who are meeting their patrons where they are. We encourage all residents to visit the Bookmobile that day to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available from the library, brought directly to you by innovative efforts, and to Cottage Grove by bookmobiles and all library workers.

Proclaimed this 15th day of March 2023.


Cynthia Kelm-Nelson, Cottage Grove Library Board President

