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TRANSFORMATION  
IS ESSENTIAL TO  
THE COMMUNITIES  
WE SERVE.**

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**WHEREAS**, libraries are not just about what we have *for* people, but what we *do for* and *with* people; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses, and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians are organizers and information experts who for centuries have guided people to the best information resources. Librarians provide more than facts; they provide the expertise and services that add meaning to those facts; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies, especially as our society is at a critical juncture regarding the changing information landscape and the skills needed to thrive in our digital world; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries and librarians open a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programming, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources, and the power of reading; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status;

**WHEREAS**, libraries work to serve all community members, including people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable in our communities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds, and promote inclusion and diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers, and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Ed Seely, Mayor of the Borough of Spotswood, together with our Governing Body, proclaim the week of April 9 through 15, 2017, to be National Library Week in the Borough of Spotswood. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you and our experts in the library, *Libraries Transform*.

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