Proclamation

Whereas, public libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community; and

Whereas, public libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to books, information, data, technology, and educational programs; and

Whereas, Old Bridge Public Library was consistently recognized as the “Best” or “One of the Best” Public Libraries in Middlesex County by readers of the Home News Tribune; and

Whereas, in addition to providing traditional resources like books and research materials, Old Bridge Public Library is an innovative center for learning, recreation, and information 24/7; and

Whereas, Old Bridge Public Library is an official, U.S. State Department-designated passport acceptance facility, and offers passport photo service; and

Whereas, for those needing remote Wi-Fi service, for home or while traveling, the library also offers a limited number of mobile hot spots that can be borrowed; and

Whereas, public libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve, and ensure equity of access for all; and

Whereas, to adapt to our changing world, public libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and

Now, Therefore, I, Owen Henry, Mayor of the Township of Old Bridge, Township Council, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, declare the week of April 3rd through April 9th, 2022 to be National Library Week in Old Bridge. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit the Old Bridge Public Library to access resources and services.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Old Bridge Township to be affixed on this 5th day of April, in the year Two Thousand Eighteen Twenty-Two.

Owen Henry, Mayor