

Proclamation

A Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the week of April 19 through April 25, 2020 “Love Your Library Week” as part of National Library Week.

WHEREAS, the Monessen Public Library and Cultural Center was formally established by the City of Monessen in 1936, and

WHEREAS, the Monessen Public Library has served and continues to serve Monessenites, as well as citizens from across our region, including our four neighboring counties. The Monessen Library and its staff pride themselves on building a sense of community through the offerings of our library, and;

WHEREAS, The City of Monessen and its residents acknowledge the importance of the library, not just as a place to acquire books, but as a place for residents of all ages to gather, learn, grow, exchange ideas, and make fun memories, and;

WHEREAS, the Monessen Public Library has grown and changed with the passing decades, and continues to evolve with the times, to show that libraries are still relevant and are still important fixtures in our communities, and;

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Library Association and the American Library Association are working together to promote libraries in our Commonwealth, and across the country by participating in ‘National Library Week’, which is held the week of Sunday, April 19, 2020, in order to showcase the important work that libraries do.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Matthew T. Shorraw, Mayor of the City of Monessen, do hereby declare the week of April 19, 2020 through April 25, 2020 ‘Love Your Library Week’, as part of National Library Week. Despite the current, temporary closure of the Monessen Library due to the current pandemic, it remains crucial to continue to promote the good work of our library. During “Love Your Library Week”, residents can share a photo, memory, or their favorite book on social media, using *#LoveYourLibrary* and *#ThankYouLibraries* in order to showcase our love for our local library; or they can find other ways of their choice to support one our city’s greatest treasures – our library.



Matthew Shorraw
Mayor, City of Monessen

Mayor Shorraw Announces “Love Your Library Week” in Monessen as part of National Library Week.

MONESSEN – Mayor Shorraw issued a proclamation on Sunday, declaring this week (April 19 through April 25) ‘Love Your Library Week’, as part of National Library Week. The Pennsylvania Library Association and the American Library Association are encouraging that communities celebrate their libraries, despite the closures due to COVID19.

In Mayor Shorraw’s proclamation, he encourages residents, not just in Monessen, but in the whole area to showcase their libraries, by using the hash tags. #LoveYourLibrary and #ThankYouLibraries. Participants can share a photo or memory on social media, involving their library, including the Monessen Public Library. They can also share what they are currently reading, their favorite book, or why they think libraries are an important part of our communities.

Monessen Library is an anchor institution in Monessen. For over 80 years, the Monessen Public Library has served the residents of Monessen and visitors from the surrounding four counties. The Monessen Library has grown over the years, and was recently renovated in 2012. It has moved with the times too. Today, the Monessen Library offers a robust children’s program, computer access, community meeting space, STEM and STEAM learning, a Genealogy Club, Microfilm and Newspaper Archives, and of course – books! The library has events all year round, they are also the host of the Mon Valley Art Club’s annual art showing, and the Friends of the Monessen Library host their annual Monessen Library Luncheon every fall. On average, there are over 1,000 visitors at the Monessen Library each month.

Mayor Shorraw says, “Our library is one of our most valued institutions in Monessen. It provides an anchor for our Downtown. It is a place where kids can go to learn and succeed, and where friends can catch up. The staff is friendly and helpful, and we are truly lucky to have such a wonderful library!”

The Monessen Library remains closed temporarily, due to COVID19, but Mayor Shorraw and the Monessen Library Board hopes that this social media campaign will bring a smile to everyone’s face; and will show people how important libraries are to so many of us. The Monessen Public Library can be found the web and on Facebook.

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