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Check Out National Library Week In-Person and Online

Natchitoches, LA, April 6, 2021 – This week, the Natchitoches Parish Library (NPL) encourages all community members to visit their website to explore and access virtual services and libraries and see what in-person classes are being offered this month. The NPL offers a wide array of online resources that are available from the comfort of home, including Hoopla and Libby (digital checkout), MyHeritage Library Edition (genealogy), Chilton Library (vehicle repair), and more. In-person classes are also offered each month for children, teens, and adults.

April 4-10, 2021 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to your library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services.

The NPL will be visiting City Park to celebrate National Library Week. Library staff will have free activities and sno-cones on April 7, 2:30-5:30 PM. The Northeast Branch in Campti will also hold a special celebration on Thursday, April 8, 2:30-5:30 PM. A scavenger hunt may also be done at the library to earn an entry in a drawing for a Kindle Fire from the Friends of the Library!

Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through knowledge, connection, and community. During these challenging times, libraries of all types have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons. Libraries across the country are making a difference in people's lives by providing electronic learning resources like online homework help and wi-fi access for students and workers who may lack internet access at home. The NPL is supporting the community with curbside pickup, grab-and-go craft kits, and virtual story times, to name a few.

This National Library Week, the public can show their appreciation and support for libraries by visiting natlib.org, following the NPL on social media, and using the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek.

Actress, author, and activist Natalie Portman is lending her star power to shine a spotlight on our nation's libraries as the honorary chair of National Library Week 2021. She will help highlight the essential role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in serving their communities, especially during challenging times. Portman is an Academy Award-winning actress, director, producer, and activist whose credits include "Black Swan," "Jackie," and the upcoming "Thor: Love and Thunder." A lifelong fan of books, she shares the books she is reading on her Instagram feed, as part of Natalie Portman's Book Club, using the hashtag #whatnatreads. Born in Jerusalem, Israel, she is a graduate of Harvard

University, and now lives with her family in Los Angeles. Natalie Portman's "Fables" is her debut picture book.

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 each April.

PHOTOS:

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About the Natchitoches Parish Library

Knowledge. Connection. Community. The Natchitoches Parish Library serves the public and community through its competent and friendly staff by providing services and programs aimed at meeting the informational, recreational, and educational needs of our patrons. We seek to provide a beneficial and usable collection of information and activities to connect Natchitoches Parish residents to the world.