

Connect with YOUR Library this National Library Week!

It's National Library Week!

That means it's our week at the library to celebrate all the great things libraries do for us, our community and for you. We'll be celebrating every day by posting online, having fun events in the library and hosting our own Library Spirit Week! This year's theme is "Connect with your Library," and we think that honorary chair, actress Molly Shannon, put it in the best way possible, "Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. ***But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other.***"

We know that you're aware by now of our grant deadline and the reliance of that grant on our annexation referendum to build a new library. But do you know what happens if the referendum doesn't pass?

Simply put, if we can't get behind this much-needed community project and unite with our neighbors to pass this referendum to improve and expand future library services for our community, there's no new library in 2023. This is because Millstadt forfeits \$1.2 million back to the State of Illinois - and that means an additional \$1.2 million to raise in the upcoming years. Services and resources will also only be available for everyone currently living within the library district, or those within the Village of Millstadt.

Whether it's been a long time since you've been in, we see you all the time or you've never visited us at all, we're asking you to connect with your local library April 3-9 this National Library Week. Help support those who strived to create a library, help support your current librarians working hard to bring your community resources and events and help support your library of tomorrow.