

## Office of the Mayor



# Proclamation

### Monroe Township Public Library 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**WHEREAS,** prior to 1989, Monroe Township citizens had no public library and residents paid for service from neighboring libraries; and

**WHEREAS,** under the leadership of Mayor Richard Pucci, on April 1, 1989, the Monroe Township Public Library became a reality, housed in 4,000 sq. ft. on the lower level of the Municipal Building, with a collection of 10,000 books and some videos; and

**WHEREAS,** it soon outgrew the original location, and a free-standing 20,000 sq. ft building was constructed on the current site of the Library with the community participating in moving the collection to the new site in October 1997; and

**WHEREAS,** for the Library to meet the needs of a multi-cultural and multi-generational community of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the Library was expanded to 44,000 sq. ft in 2009; and

**WHEREAS,** a highly dedicated, skilled staff enabled the Library to provide a level of personalized service in 2023, serving 28,496 cardholders, circulating 271,952 materials, and 73,353 digital items, as well as welcoming 32,090 attendees to Library events; and

**WHEREAS,** the Monroe Township Public Library has consistently provided quality library services to the citizens of Monroe Township for the past 35 years and is considered the Jewel of The Township.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that I, Stephen Dalina,** Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim **Monday, June 10, 2024,** as the day to celebrate the **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Monroe Township Public Library** in the Township of Monroe. I urge Monroe Township residents to join me in extending sincere congratulations and gratitude to the Monroe Township Public Library for enriching the lives of Monroe citizens by inspiring vibrant and inclusive experiences to ignite the spark for lifelong learning through limitless discovery and providing a variety of intellectual, educational, recreational and cultural resources. We embrace the Library's role as a community builder for the past 35 years.

Dated: June 10, 2024

  
STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR