News Release — OWWL Libraries Invite Families to the Library

(Tuesday, January 23, 2024) Canandaigua, NY — Libraries across Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties will be celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Take Your Child to the Library Day is an international initiative that encourages families to explore the services offered at their local library. Launched in 2011 in Connecticut, this annual event "raises community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families."

Some OWWL Libraries are planning scheduled events throughout the day including the Warsaw Public Library who has participated in Take Your Child to the Library Day for the past eleven years. For their 2024 celebration Warsaw will host two eclipse-themed storytimes, at 10:30am and 12:00pm, to help families learn about and prepare for the Total Solar Eclipse happening on Monday, April 8. Other libraries have drop-in events planned where families can stop by to make a craft, complete a library scavenger hunt, eat ice cream for breakfast, and—of course—get library cards and check out books.

OWWL Library System Program Director Suzanne Macaulay said children and families are always encouraged to visit the library, but February 3 provides a special day to explore the variety of learning opportunities available at their local library. "Take Your Child to the Library Day is a fantastic opportunity for community members to learn about the early literacy programs, educational resources, and fun events that their library provides for free every day of the year."

To find your local OWWL Library and their plans for Take your Child to the Library Day, visit owwl.org/libraries.

The OWWL Library System, headquartered in Canandaigua, New York, supports library services in Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties. Visit <u>owwl.org</u> to learn more.

###

News Media: For more information contact OWWL Library System at 585-394-8260 x1106 or communications@owwl.org.