

Proclamation Recognizing National Library Week 2024

WHEREAS, today's libraries are more about what they can do with and for their communities, and not just about what they have on the shelves. They provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning by cultivating spaces for belonging, personal growth, and strong communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, often the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and academic campuses; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the world today; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide access to and display a wide range of information and ideas for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries are accessible places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

WHEREAS, in a continued effort to build strong communities, Pikes Peak Library District serves a population of nearly 740,000 people via 16 facilities, mobile library services, and a large online hub of resources. In 2023, residents accessed 6.8 million electronic and physical materials from PPLD that connected El Paso County residents with information and resources to enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate April 9th as Library Workers' Day to recognize the immeasurable contributions made by library workers; April 10th as National Outreach Day showing library services are not limited to their physical location; and April 11th as Take Action for Libraries Day encouraging community support for libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Town Board of Trustees, proclaim National Library Week April 7—13, 2024, in Palmer Lake. During this week, Pikes Peak Library District (PPLD) invites all residents to visit their local library, and to join them at any of the eight open houses that will take place the week of April 7—13 throughout the Library District. Because of you, libraries transform lives and communities.

DONE THIS 28th day of March, 2024, at Palmer Lake, Colorado.

TOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Mayor Grant Havenar

Attest: 

Town Administrator/Clerk