

MEMORANDUM

Placer County Library
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mary George, Director of Library Services *MGE*

DATE: August 26, 2014

SUBJECT: September 2014 – Adult Literacy Awareness Month Proclamation

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the Proclamation declaring September 2014 Adult Literacy Awareness Month. The Library is requesting that Chairman Duran present the Proclamation to Angela Perron, Placer County Library Literacy Specialist and Linda Yaffe, President of the Literacy Support Council.

BACKGROUND

The California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) will celebrate 30 years of changing lives for the better through providing services for adults with low literacy. The milestone will be marked by celebratory events statewide, supported by a media relations campaign to help raise awareness of the critical role California public libraries play in curbing the negative cycle of low adult literacy. The efforts will also serve to increase volunteer recruitment to help reduce adult learner waiting lists statewide.

California State Librarian, Greg Lucas has requested that local government agencies proclaim September 2014 as "Adult Literacy Awareness Month." The library is partnering with Placer Adult Literacy Services (PALS) and the Literacy Support Council to celebrate the efforts of literacy awareness. The Proclamation recognizes Placer County adult literacy efforts and its volunteers in declaring September 2014 Adult Literacy Awareness Month.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

Attachment: Adult Literacy Awareness Month Proclamation

**AUGUST 26, 2014 IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2014 ADULT LITERACY AWARENESS
MONTH**

WHEREAS, our community's greatest resource is its people; and

WHEREAS, the growth and stability of our community is significantly affected by the ability of its citizens to read and write; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Library's Placer Adult Literacy Services (PALS) has utilized the services of volunteers since 1985 to increase the literacy levels in the County by offering free and confidential literacy tutoring for adults; and

WHEREAS, PALS continues to train fifty volunteers a year to provide literacy instruction to adults and to help adult literacy learners read to their children, thus helping to build a community of readers; and

WHEREAS, aided by the support of the Literacy Support Council PALS has helped more than 2,500 Placer County citizens to learn to read and write since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Little Free Libraries have been thoughtfully placed by the Literacy Support Council throughout the County to offer communities and neighborhoods a unique place to gather and share reading resources including literacy information; and

WHEREAS, California Library Literacy Services in September 2014 will celebrate thirty years of changing people's lives by improving reading and writing skills in Library literacy programs throughout the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Placer County Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, do hereby proclaim September 2014, Adult Literacy Awareness Month. We commend the efforts of the hundreds of volunteers, tutors, and adult learners who have worked through the Placer County Library's Placer Adult Literacy Services (PALS) in the past twenty-nine years. We urge all citizens to support the goals of the Library's literacy program to make the County of Placer a more literate community.