

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Robert M. Weygandt Supervisor, District 2
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: March 16, 2010

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION – Approve a Proclamation declaring April 11-17, 2010 as "National Library Week" in Placer County.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring April 11-17, 2010 as "National Library Week" in Placer County.

BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS

The Board is being asked to approve a Proclamation recognizing April 11 – 17 as "National Library Week" in Placer County. Each year during the month of April, many counties throughout the United States dedicate a specific week in April to raise awareness of libraries and the services they provide.

The Placer County Library service area includes all of Placer County except the cities of Roseville and Lincoln, which have their own public libraries. The service area population is 187,184.

The National Library Week program supports libraries as centers of learning and literacy highlighting the impact libraries make on adults and children across the nation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the matter of a Proclamation declaring April 11 - 17, 2010
as, "National Library Week" in Placer County.**

WHEREAS, "National Library Week" is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with local libraries and was established in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Library system includes eleven branches serving Applegate, Auburn, Colfax, Foresthill, Granite Bay, Kings Beach, Loomis, Meadow Vista, Penryn, Rocklin and Tahoe City and the population within the Placer County Library service area is 187,184; and

WHEREAS, the Placer Adult Literacy Service (PALS) offers an adult literacy program through the Placer County Library; and

WHEREAS, the "National Library Week" program supports libraries as centers of learning and literacy highlighting the impact libraries make on adults and children across the nation; and

WHEREAS, libraries serve as crucial resources and technology hubs for people in need of wireless internet access, internet workstations, computer training and assistance in finding jobs during all economic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Library checked out 1.3 million items in the fiscal year (2008/09) and has checked out approximately 6 million items over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, soon residents and visitors alike can enjoy the remodeled Colfax Library due to open in April, 2010 and a new Rocklin Library scheduled to open in November, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Library received a grant of \$7,000 to partially fund "The Big Read-Fahrenheit 451", by Ray Bradbury, reading promotion campaign during the month of April, 2010; and

WHEREAS, "The Big Read" is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts designed to revitalize the role of literary reading and encourage people of all ages to read for pleasure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare April 11 - 17, 2010 as "National Library Week" in Placer County with encouragement for residents and guests to visit our local libraries and experience the multitude of services and resources available to them through the libraries.

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