

National Library Week 2014

WHEREAS, libraries are places of opportunity, hope and creativity that provide free and full access to information and resources, offer programs that teach all forms of literacy, promote continuing education and encourage lifelong learning; and,

WHEREAS, libraries were, at the founding of the United States, recognized as and continue to be, essential to the social, economic and political well-being of this country; and,

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Library has been providing for the educational, informational and recreational needs of County residents for over 100 years; and,

WHEREAS, in 2014 the Alameda County Library has a gate count of five million people, a circulation count of six and a half million items, and 64 million hits on its website annually; and,

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Library's P.U.L.S.E. (Pop Up Library Services for Everyone) program is exemplified by the newly created libraries at Camp Sweeney, the Alameda County Family Justice Center, REACH Ashland Youth Center and the Cherryland Community Center; and,

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Library will be providing "Creative Commons" for our communities – spaces where people can gather to create, invent, learn and perform; and,

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Library strengthens community diversity and understanding of multicultural societies by offering multi-lingual collections and programs and serving as a forum for diverse ideas and points of view that help us better understand each other and ourselves; and,

WHEREAS, library staff members are trained, talented and committed professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn, work, play and succeed in the 21st century.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim April 13-19, 2014 *National Library Week*, and encourages all residents to visit and appreciate our libraries and their staff.

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