



Proclamation

*Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida*

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what they have for people, but what they do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and librarians and library workers fuel efforts to better serve their communities; and

WHEREAS, librarians are leaders in their organizations, in their communities, in the nation, and in the world; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are pioneers supporting democracy and effecting social changes, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, and engagement, as well as new services that connect closely with users' needs; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians lead their communities in innovation, providing STEAM programming, Makerspaces and access and training for new technologies; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 8-14, 2018, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 20th day of March 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Priscilla Trace

Priscilla Trace, Chairman

ATTEST: *Angelina Colonnese*
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Angelina Colonnese



APPROVED In Open Session
Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

Manatee County Government Administrative Center
First Floor, Commission Chambers
9:00 a.m. - March 20, 2018

3/20/18

March 20, 2018 - Regular Meeting
Agenda Item #10

Subject

National Library Week - April 8-14, 2018

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of a Proclamation designating April 8-14, 2018, as "National Library Week" in Manatee County, Florida.

Enabling/Regulating Authority

N/A

Background Discussion

April 8-14, 2018, has been designated as National Library Week by the American Library Association. First sponsored in 1958, this celebration occurs across the country each April. A proclamation has been prepared to proclaim National Library Week in Manatee County, Florida.

The Florida Library Association's 2016 "Library of the Year" and 2013 "Library Innovation" winner, Manatee Libraries support the County's growing community and visitors through a wide range of educational and technological resources and programs at six facilities. The libraries provide invaluable resources that serve as a lifeline to the community for access to technology, early and digital literacy instruction, job-seeking resources, and small business tools. We surpassed four million circulations in 2017, the highest usage ever achieved. Additionally, programs are increasingly well-attended as the libraries have become more creative and responsive to the community's identified needs.

In its continuing commitment to support the community, Manatee Libraries have created an innovative and comprehensive "I Am A Lifelong Learner" literacy campaign which is supported by the Library Foundation. This outreach program is aimed at helping families work with their children to improve reading skills and become lifelong learners.

County Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Explanation of Other

Reviewing Attorney

N/A

Instructions to Board Records

Please forward an approved copy of the agenda and Proclamation to Ava Ehde, extension 6301, Interim Director, Neighborhood Services Department.

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A

Attachment: [National Library Week Proclamation.pdf](#)



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