



Proclamation

Board of County Commissioners
Manatee County, Florida

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WHEREAS, Libraries bridge the digital divide by providing computers, Wi-Fi, and technology access, and the Manatee County Public Library System advances this mission through multiple locations, outreach, and digital resources, serving over one million visits annually; and

WHEREAS, Libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds through access to technology resources and training, multimedia content, workforce resources, and educational programs, reading for pleasure; and

WHEREAS, Libraries, librarians, and library workers play a vital role in supporting communities in person and virtually, especially during times of challenge and change, and have long served as trusted institutions for all people, regardless of background; and

WHEREAS, National Library Week is a national observance where communities across the country celebrate the contributions of libraries and library workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 19-25, 2026, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Manatee County, Florida.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this Tuesday, April 21, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Tal Siddique

Tal Siddique, Chairperson



April 21, 2026 - Regular Meeting

Subject

National Library Week

Category

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Briefings

None

Contact and/or Presenter Information

Board of County Commissioners

Action Requested

Adoption of Proclamation designating April 19-25, 2026, as "National Library Week."

Enabling/Regulating Authority

None

Background Discussion

National Library Week is an annual celebration that occurs across the country each April to highlight the valuable contributions that libraries, librarians, and library workers make in our communities.

Whether visiting in person or virtually, patrons can explore through self-directed learning, access to technology, multimedia content, educational classes or check out books for the joy of reading. These invaluable resources serve as a lifeline to the community for access to technology, early and digital literacy instruction, job-seeking resources, entertainment, and small business tools.

Attorney Review

Not Reviewed (No apparent legal issues)

Instructions to Board Records

None

Cost and Funds Source Account Number and Name

N/A

Amount and Frequency of Recurring Costs

N/A



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