



PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
April 10-16, 2016

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

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

WHEREAS, libraries are evolving in order to serve their communities and to continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open up a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programing, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources and the power of reading; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and deliver new services that connect closely with patrons' needs; and

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide 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, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby acknowledge and proclaim April 10-16, as NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK in the City of Santa Barbara. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you, Libraries Transform.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 29th day of March 2016.

HELENE SCHNEIDER
MAYOR

