



PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2017**

APRIL 9-15, 2017

*Whereas, libraries in Santa Barbara and across the country play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in our communities, placing importance not only on what they have for the people, but what can be done for and with the people; and*

*Whereas, libraries support and foster literacy, support democracy, and effect social change through a commitment to provide equitable access to information for all regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and*

*Whereas, libraries and librarians are turning outward and looking beyond their traditional roles, providing more opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with community needs; and*

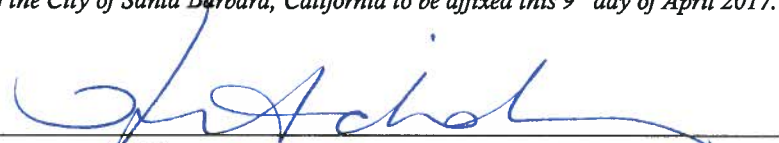
*Whereas, libraries and librarians open a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programing, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources, the power of reading, and access to technology and information that bolster the skills needed to thrive in our digital world; and*

*Whereas, libraries work to serve all community members, including people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, and the most vulnerable in our communities, offering services and educational resources that transform communities, open minds, and promote inclusion and diversity; 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 vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim April 9-15 as National Library Week. 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 and our experts in the library, 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.*

  
MAYOR HELENE SCHNEIDER

