

# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2009

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans, today, more than ever;

WHEREAS, librarians and library workers have the knowledge to help people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy;

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend;

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities;

WHEREAS, libraries can help you discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it;

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the "digital divide;"

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers, library volunteers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with the Campaign for America's Libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that April 12-18, 2009, is hereby proclaimed National Library Week. All are encouraged to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful resources available and to thank the librarians, library workers, and library volunteers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors.

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