

Agenda Item12.0: National Library Week 2011

TO: Sacramento Public Library Authority Board Members

FROM: Rivkah K. Sass, Library Director

RE: National Library Week 2011

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Adopt Resolution #11-24, A Resolution Celebrating Sacramento Public Library And National Library Worker's Day During National Library Week 2011

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

National Library Week, April 10-16 National Library Worker's Day, April 12

All 28 Sacramento Public Library locations and the bookmobile service are places for new beginnings. Whether patrons are getting their first library card, learning new computer skills or planning a trip, the library is the place where their story begins. Our library system is joining other libraries throughout the nation to celebrate National Library Week, April 10 – 16. The theme this year is *Create your own story @ your library.*

Every day, libraries across the country are helping people create their own unique stories. Whether it is by opening a book and exploring distant lands, or by learning how to use new technologies to find a job, people at our Sacramento Public Library locations are creating new stories for themselves.

Launched in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April.

Free programs are almost a daily occurrence at Sacramento Public Library and total more than 3,800 annually. Branches offer an astounding array of programs for every age and interest. Highlights of some of the special programs planned for National Library Week are:

- The Activated Story Theatre will present two cultural folk tales, featuring acrobatic tricks, physical comedy, family audience participation, imaginative props and a gigantic oversized book at Isleton, Walnut Grove, Martin Luther King Jr., Arden-Dimick and Southgate libraries.
- Families can sing along with talented folksinger and musician Mr. Cooper on Tuesday, April 12 at Belle Cooledge Library.
- Adults can slam their way to fitness at the Punk Rock aerobics program at Central Library on Wednesday, April 13.



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- Amateur writers who dream of being published authors can hone their writing skills at a writers' workshop on Wednesday, April 13 at North Highlands-Antelope Library.
- The library encourages everyone to ride a bicycle to save fuel and to get great exercise. A clinic to learn how to maintain bicycles is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, at Franklin Community Library.
- In addition to National Library Week, Walnut Grove Library is celebrating Screen Free Week by encouraging kids and their families to enjoy a broad range of programs that don't include computers, television, or texting. Programs include *Making Delicious Smoothies* on Wednesday, April 13; and the *Acoustical Jam Session* featuring local River Delta community musicians on Thursday, April 14.

As the value of public libraries is celebrated during this special week, National Library Worker's Day on Tuesday, April 12, is an integral part of that celebration. Sacramento Public Library staff comprises many different people with many different roles and skills that serve our system -- librarians who provide inspiring programs and answer countless reference questions each day, library services assistants who check out and shelve thousands of daily returned books and materials, custodial staff who keep buildings clean, facilities staff who maintain facility interiors and landscaping, computer technicians who keep network resources available online to patrons 24/7, and the many library employees who provide service and support to all of the member jurisdictions served by Sacramento Public Library Authority.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution #11-24, A Resolution Celebrating Sacramento Public Library And National Library Worker's Day During National Library Week 2011



RESOLUTION NO. 11-24

Adopted by the Governing Board of the Sacramento Public Library Authority on the date of:

March 24, 2011

A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AND NATIONAL LIBRARY WORKER'S DAY DURING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2011.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, National Library Week is being celebrated in public libraries throughout the country and Sacramento County, and all of the cities and communities therein from April 10 through April 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento Public Libraries transform their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Public Libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Public Libraries serve as community gathering places for valued activities such as book groups, programs for all ages, and events that foster learning and community; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento Public Library staff helps people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento Public Libraries bring their communities a world of knowledge in every format; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Public Libraries preserve our cultural heritage, inform our present, and inspire our future; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Public Libraries provide equal and economical services, and in many cases, serve as the community's only public place for access to resources for learning; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Public Libraries serve more than 1.35 million customers and cardholders and check out nearly 8 million number of items annually; and



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

WHEREAS, libraries, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America's Libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board proclaims National Library Week, April 10-16, 2011 and Tuesday, April 12, 2011 as "National Library Worker's Day."

The Board applauds the positive and vital impact of the Sacramento Public Libraries and all library workers and thanks them for enriching the lives of residents. The Board encourages all residents to visit the library this week and throughout the year to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and to thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the Library's doors and online. The Board invites all to come see why now is the perfect time to *create your own story @ your library*.

Sandy Sheedy, Chair

ATTACHMENTS:

None.