

## **RECOGNITION OF APRIL 19-25, 2026, AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries and library professionals play in transforming lives and strengthening communities;

**WHEREAS**, the theme of National Library Week 2026 is Find Your Joy; celebrating the library as a space to find happiness, learning, personal fulfillment and community connections;

**WHEREAS**, as we celebrate America250, the semiquincentennial of the United States, we also celebrate the rich history of the American public library, including the opening of South San Francisco Public Library 110 years ago;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are an essential public good and fundamental institutions in democratic societies, working to improve society, protect the right to education and literacy, celebrate our collective history, and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, striving to ensure equitable access to information and services for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic or immigration status;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are flexible and forward-thinking, , developing and expanding collections, programs, and services to meet current and evolving needs and interests of their communities;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are accessible community hubs, open to all, promoting socialization, a sense of local connection, civic engagement and volunteerism;

**WHEREAS**, libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing internet and technology access, supporting literacy skills, and offering resources and assistance for students, job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 19-25, 2026 and encourages all residents to visit and take advantage of the wonderful programs, services, and resources at our libraries.

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Mark Addiego, Mayor, District 1

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