



CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA SUBMITTAL

Short Name/Subject National Library Week	Board Meeting Date April 9, 2019	Agenda Number 6
Dept: Library Contact: Nancy Giddens Phone: (209) 754-6709	Supervisory District Number	Recognition and Acknowledgements
Published Notice Required? No Public Hearing Required? No		Estimated Time: 15 Minutes
Type of Document? Proclamation PowerPoint Presentation Included? No Budget Transfer Included (Must be signed by Auditor)? No Complete Agreement Required? No Position Allocation Change? No		

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Proclamation recognizing the week of April 7 - 13, 2019 as National Library Week in Calaveras County.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

The theme for National Library Week this year is *Libraries = Strong Communities*. It has been a privilege to lead the Calaveras County Library system this year as we have strived to help make our community strong through our efforts. I appreciate the support the community, county government and the Board of Supervisors give us as we work to improve quality of life for our citizens.

I believe that the scope and impact of our efforts can be best understood by our numbers. In our 17-18 report to the California State Library, we saw that over 24,000 of our citizens are registered users of the Library. 5200 of these are children. We were able to offer in-person service to our community for more than 10,000 hours in our 8 locations. We had 64,000 visits and circulated 143,000 items to our community including 10,000 digital items. Through our wonderful LINK+ interlibrary loan program, we circulated 4600 items, 14 times the number we provided the year before. Giving our community access to 65 library systems and 11 million items through LINK+ makes our community stronger. The numbers that make me happiest are the number of people attending programming at the Library. We saw an increase from 4600 to almost 12,400 people coming to the Library to learn and grow. Nearly 10,000 of these are *children* who are participating in library literacy in West Point, pre-school programs in 7 locations each week, STEAM Pioneers each Wednesday in San Andreas, art and science experiences in Mokelumne Hill and much more. Our children's and families' lives are enriched through our library system. And let's not forget computers! Nearly 25,000 people used our public computers or wifi in 2017-18. The addition of broadband in 5 locations greatly improve our service to Calaveras County. Our Literacy division served 103 students for over 3100 hours of instruction helping to make our county stronger.

None of this would be possible without staff and volunteers. Calaveras County, Friends of the Library, the California State Library and First 5 are currently funding all our staff positions. Our dream is not only to retain current staff, but to increase staff so we can serve our children and young adults better. Ideas can only be implemented by people! Building strong communities

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takes time, effort and commitment. The Library is ready to do its part. Working together, I believe our library can do great things for Calaveras County, making it stronger and better.

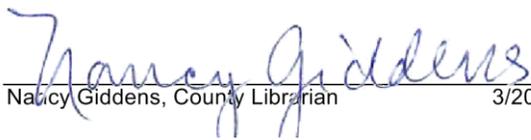
FINANCING:

There are no financial requirements for this proclamation.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose to refuse to proclaim April 7-13, 2019 National Library Week.

APPROVED BY:


Nancy Giddens, County Librarian

3/20/2019


Sarah DeKay

3/22/2019


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3/25/2019


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3/29/2019