

## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, libraries of all types, including the Mary Riley Styles Public Library, are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools, and campuses, serving their communities; and
- WHEREAS, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community; and
- WHEREAS, today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a building and everyone is welcome to use their resources; and
- WHEREAS, for people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to computers and Wi-Fi, even checking out internet hotspots and laptops; and
- WHEREAS, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and
- WHEREAS, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs; and
- WHEREAS, in times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually, as the Mary Riley Styles Library has done throughout the COVID-19 crisis; and
- WHEREAS, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; and
- WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and
- WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and
- 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 I David Tarter, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, proclaim April 4-10, 2021 as

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

and encourage all residents to visit their library online to access resources and services. Because of you, Libraries Transform lives and communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2021.



  
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David Tarter, Mayor