

**PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS, libraries, including Mary Riley Styles Public Library, are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of connection and build community; and
- WHEREAS, libraries connect people to technology, providing access to broadband internet, computers, and training that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia content, programs, and classes – in addition to books; 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, in times of crisis, libraries and library professionals play an invaluable role in supporting their communities both in person and virtually; 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, to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; 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 are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; 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 3-9, 2022 as

**LIBRARY WEEK**

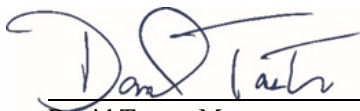
and April 5, 2022 as

**LIBRARY WORKERS DAY**

in the City of Falls Church and encourage all residents to connect with their library and library workers by visiting online or in person to access resources, services, and provide words of gratitude and support to library staff.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 28th day of March, 2022.



  
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David Tarter, Mayor