

City of Santa Clara

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; 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 serve as safe spaces for all members of the community to connect, express themselves, and learn, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and
- WHEREAS,** our Santa Clara City Library supports the intellectual freedom and freedom to read of its community by providing a diverse and balanced collection including challenged and banned books, ensuring those books are accessible, and educating others on banned and challenged books through displays and book lists, providing sanctuary for all seeking the freedom to read.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6 -12, 2025 as

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in the City of Santa Clara and encourage all residents to visit their Santa Clara City Library to explore the wealth of resources available.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.



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