

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

WHEREAS, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to find joy, connect to community, and connect to the world around them through stories, music, movies, and even in a hands-on way with the Library of Things;

WHEREAS, libraries serve as safe spaces for all members of the community to come together, express themselves, and learn, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status, and everyone is welcome;

WHEREAS, our Santa Clara City Library supports intellectual freedom by providing a diverse and balanced collection including challenged and banned books, providing a welcoming space for all our diverse community seeking the freedom to read;

WHEREAS, our Santa Clara City Library has developed a Strategic Plan and Facilities Master Plan, with a new Mission, to “Enhance lives and strengthen our diverse communities by providing the best in information, cultural and technical enrichment, a wide range of programs and services, and opportunities to achieve dreams;”

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor 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 19-25, 2026 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 books and resources available.