

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans, today, more than ever; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, libraries can help you discover a world of knowledge, both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it; and

WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the "digital divide;" and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America's Libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alice Norris, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do declare

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

and encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors. Join the circle of knowledge @ your library.





ALICE NORRIS, Mayor