



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and new possibilities; and

WHEREAS, libraries like Berthoud Community Library, Estes Valley Library, Loveland Public Library, Poudre Libraries, Red Feather Lakes Community Library, and Wellington Public Library serve as vibrant community hubs; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide free, equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all, regardless of background, have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community; and

WHEREAS, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources and opportunities that support career and economic growth; and

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through storytimes, STEM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression; and

WHEREAS, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all, and are joining together across Larimer County to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “**Drawn to the Library**”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim April 6–12, 2025, as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

I encourage all residents to visit their local library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 1st day of April 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk