

Proclamation

City of Mission



WHEREAS, the Speer Memorial Library sparks creativity, fuels imagination, and inspires lifelong learning by providing a welcoming space where individuals of all ages can explore, discover, and find joy; and

WHEREAS, the Speer Memorial Library serves as a vibrant community hub, connecting residents to knowledge, technology, and resources, including public computers, digital services, and 3D printer classes that foster innovation and digital literacy; and

WHEREAS, the library provides free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and diverse programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have opportunities to learn, connect, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, the library enriches the community through arts and cultural programming, including poetry, local authors, and Animanga activities that celebrate creativity and diverse interests; and

WHEREAS, the library nurtures young minds through storytimes, STEAM programs, StoryWalk®, and Little Sprouts, promoting early literacy, hands-on learning, and a connection to nature through gardening and outdoor experiences; and

WHEREAS, the library supports community well-being and self-sufficiency through initiatives such as the Toolshed program, providing access to resources that empower residents in their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, the Speer Memorial Library strengthens partnerships with schools, local organizations, and businesses to expand access to services and create meaningful opportunities for the Mission community; and

WHEREAS, dedicated library staff provide inclusive, welcoming spaces that promote discovery, collaboration, and lifelong learning for all; and

WHEREAS, libraries across the nation are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “Find Your Joy”;

NOW, THEREFORE, we the City Council of City of Mission, proclaim April 19–25, 2026, as

“National Library Week”

in the great City of Mission, Texas, and encourage all residents to visit **Speer Memorial Library**, explore its services and programs, and celebrate the many ways it helps our community learn, connect, and find joy

PROCLAIMED on this the 14th day of April, 2026.

Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

Jessica Ortega, Councilwoman

Ruben Plata, Mayor Pro Tem

Marissa Ortega Gerlach, Councilwoman

Alberto Vela, Councilman