

# proclamation

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## National Library Week | April 7-13, 2024

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1885, the Winter Park Library has served as a cornerstone of knowledge and community engagement for 138 years, embodying the spirit and resilience of Winter Park; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrated from April 7-13, National Library Week is a time to acknowledge the library's pivotal role in fostering education, culture, and economic vitality in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, since relocating to its new home, the Winter Park Library has seen a 92% increase in material checkouts, a 44% rise in cardholders, and a 155% growth in the number of visits, demonstrating its essential role as a hub of learning and engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, the library offers a broad spectrum of resources, including over 100,000 items ranging from books to technological devices, and hosts 1,600 classes, contributing significantly to the educational and innovative fabric of our city; and

**WHEREAS**, with every \$1 invested in the library generating over \$10 in economic return, the Winter Park Library plays a crucial role in driving local economic growth and fostering innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the support from the City of Winter Park's Community Redevelopment Agency, generous donors, corporate sponsors, and Board members has enabled the library to expand access to resources and services, enhancing its role as a vibrant community resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the library's vision to become the number one library in the State of Florida underscores its commitment to excellence, adaptability, and service, ensuring that it remains a beacon of innovation, learning, and connection for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Phillip M. Anderson, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park, in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim **Sunday, April 7, through Saturday, April 13, 2024**, to be "**National Library Week**" in the City of Winter Park, Florida and call upon all residents to recognize and engage with the library, celebrating its indispensable contributions to the enrichment and prosperity of our community.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

**Phillip M. Anderson**  
Mayor