



Board of Library Trustees

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

DATE: APRIL 14, 2025

FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 6-12, 2025

ISSUE:

Receive an informational report on National Library Week April 6-12.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Library Trustees receive an informational report on National Library Week.

BACKGROUND:

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities. The first National Library Week was observed in 1958 by the American Library Association and Advertising Council and the 2025 celebration marked as the 67th anniversary of the first event theme "Wake Up and Read!"

DISCUSSION:

The 2025 National Library week theme from the American Library Association is "Drawn to the Library!" The American Library Association has advertised on their website that millions of people, young and old, visit libraries every week. What's the draw? Everything! From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project in a makerspace, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help communities connect the dots that link one part of their journey to the next.

Libraries help readers chart their next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Library users may let an author color their imagination at an author talk, outline their big business idea at an entrepreneur workshop, or trace their history with the library's genealogy resources.

Whatever draws you in, the Library has something for everyone.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this informational report.

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