

1 Introduced by Council Members Johnson, Peluso, Pittman, Gaffney, Jr.  
2 and Boylan:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2025-202**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 6-12,  
7 2025, AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN JACKSONVILLE;  
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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10 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville Public Library has been an enduring  
11 cornerstone of our community since its inception in 1878, steadfastly  
12 providing free access to knowledge, culture, history and essential  
13 community resources for well over a century; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Jacksonville Public Library has exhibited remarkable  
15 growth and transformation, progressing from its humble beginnings to  
16 its current stature as a dynamic and thriving institution, comprising  
17 a Main Library and 20 branches, each dedicated to serving the diverse  
18 and evolving needs of our city; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the public library system has consistently  
20 demonstrated its adaptability to best serve Jacksonville's residents  
21 by offering a wide spectrum of services, including live events, public  
22 computer access, a Memory Lab that enables individuals to digitize  
23 precious photographs and videos, and free online courses; and

24 **WHEREAS**, in 2024, library locations were visited over 2.2  
25 million times, more than 7.4 million items were borrowed, and an  
26 impressive total of 11,629 live events were hosted, including Jax  
27 Book Fest, an event that drew thousands of attendees and gave visitors  
28 the opportunity to hear from and meet renowned New York Times  
29 bestselling authors for free; and

30 **WHEREAS**, National Library Week, an annual celebration,  
31 presents a unique opportunity to acknowledge the valuable role that

1 libraries, librarians, and library workers play in the transformation  
2 of lives, the fortification of communities, and the cultivation of a  
3 genuine love for literacy and lifelong learning; and

4 **WHEREAS,** in observance of National Library Week, the  
5 Jacksonville Public Library remains steadfast in its mission to enrich  
6 lives, build community, and foster lifelong learning, affirming the  
7 city's deep-seated appreciation for the dedicated staff and  
8 invaluable services of the library; now therefore

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

10 **Section 1.** The City Council hereby recognizes April 6-12,  
11 2025, as National Library Week in Jacksonville and encourages all  
12 citizens to visit one of Jacksonville Public Library's 21 locations  
13 or borrow items online, and to express their appreciation for  
14 Jacksonville Public Library publicly with friends, colleagues, and  
15 family members in person and/or on social media channels.

16 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become  
17 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective  
18 without the Mayor's signature.

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20 Form Approved:

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22           /s/ Shannon MacGillis          

23 Office of General Counsel

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