

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson and Co-Sponsored by Council
2 Members Freeman, Salem, Howland, Carlucci, Miller and Amaro:

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5 **RESOLUTION 2024-125-A**

6 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 7-13,
7 2024, 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, and essential community
13 resources for well over a century; and

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

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

26 **WHEREAS**, in 2023 library locations were visited over 2 million
27 times, more than 4.6 million items were borrowed, and an impressive
28 total of 8,000 live events were hosted, including Jax Book Fest, an
29 event that drew thousands of attendees and gave visitors the
30 opportunity to hear from and meet renowned New York Times bestselling
31 authors for free; and

1 **WHEREAS**, National Library Week, an annual celebration,
2 presents a unique opportunity to acknowledge the valuable role that
3 libraries, librarians, and library workers play in the transformation
4 of lives, the fortification of communities, and the cultivation of a
5 genuine love for literacy and lifelong learning; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in observance of National Library Week 2024, the
7 Jacksonville Public Library has set ambitious objectives, including
8 having 25,000 individuals with library cards to borrow library
9 materials, and bringing over 600 Duval County residents into the
10 community of library cardholders, affirming the city's deep-seated
11 appreciation for the dedicated staff and invaluable services of the
12 library; now therefore

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

14 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville recognizes April 7-13,
15 2024 as National Library Week in Jacksonville and encourages all
16 citizens to visit one of Jacksonville Public Library's 21 locations
17 or borrow items online, and to express their appreciation for
18 Jacksonville Public Library publicly with friends, colleagues, and
19 family members in person and/or on social media channels.

20 **Section 2. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become
21 effective upon signature by the Mayor or upon becoming effective
22 without the Mayor's signature.

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24 Form Approved:

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26 /s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

27 Office of General Counsel

28 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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