

1 Introduced by Council Member Johnson:
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4 **RESOLUTION 2024-125**

5 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE WEEK OF APRIL 7-13,
6 2024, AS NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IN JACKSONVILLE;
7 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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9 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville Public Library has been an enduring
10 cornerstone of our community since its inception in 1878, steadfastly
11 providing free access to knowledge, culture, and essential community
12 resources for well over a century; and

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

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

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

31 **WHEREAS,** National Library Week, an annual celebration,

1 presents a unique opportunity to acknowledge the valuable role that
2 libraries, librarians, and library workers play in the transformation
3 of lives, the fortification of communities, and the cultivation of a
4 genuine love for literacy and lifelong learning; and

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

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

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

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

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23 Form Approved:

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25 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

26 Office of General Counsel

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