

1 Introduced by Council Members Carlucci, Becton, White, Morgan,
2 Carrico, Boylan, Gaffney, Jr., Clark-Murray, Diamond, Salem and
3 Howland:
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6 **RESOLUTION 2023-319**

7 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING THE
8 JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 2023 "SUMMER
9 LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY" PROGRAM; PROVIDING AN
10 EFFECTIVE DATE.
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12 **WHEREAS,** libraries contribute to the intellectual growth of
13 children and teens during the summer through reading programs, and
14 students who do not participate in educational activities or
15 experiences during the school summer break period can lose up to two
16 months of reaching achievement; and

17 **WHEREAS,** two-thirds of the reading achievement gap between
18 high- and low-socioeconomic status 9th graders can be explained by
19 unequal access to summer learning opportunities, and one-third of the
20 gap is present before students begin school; and

21 **WHEREAS,** more than 60% of America's low-income children are
22 growing up in homes without age-appropriate books or reading
23 materials, leaving them an average of three years behind children
24 raised in homes with many books; and

25 **WHEREAS,** children and teens can benefit from summer programs
26 that combine elements of youth development principles with academic
27 enrichment, and visiting their local library provides children with
28 access to unlimited amounts of reading materials. Public libraries
29 supplement access to reading materials with fun and enriching events
30 and activities that are free and open to all citizens in their service
31 area; and

1 **WHEREAS,** adults who read regularly and use their public library
2 are role models for children, motivating them to become lifelong
3 readers and learners; and

4 **WHEREAS,** Jacksonville Public Library encourages a love of
5 reading through access to books both in libraries and by giving
6 children books during the summer so those children can build their
7 home libraries. These young library users will receive an opportunity
8 to become lifelong readers and learners, by visiting the library
9 frequently; now, therefore

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

11 **Section 1.** The City of Jacksonville recognizes and commends
12 the Jacksonville Public Library for its 2023 Summer Learning at the
13 Library program conducted during June and July of 2023. During this
14 time, all parents and caregivers are encouraged to visit the library
15 with their children to read and borrow books, participate in summer
16 learning activities, and earn free books when they meet their summer
17 reading goals.

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

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22 Form Approved:

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24 /s/ Carla A. Lopera

25 Office of General Counsel

26 Legislation Prepared By: Jeff Clements, City Council Research

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