

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities;

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, libraries provide free access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

WHEREAS, there are a total of 16,568 public libraries in the United States. Nearly 100% of all public libraries provide free Wi-Fi and have no-fee access to computers;

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, maximizing resources, increasing efficiency, and expanding access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

WHEREAS, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth, economic success, and enhanced quality of living;

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through story times, programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime;

WHEREAS, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Jan C. Harnik, Mayor of the City of Palm Desert, on behalf of the entire City Council, proclaim April 6–12, 2025,

National Library Week

During this week, I encourage all residents to visit your library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, to be affixed this 10th day of April 2025.