



Proclamation No. 2023-08

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING
April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week and Thanking
Summit County's Library Staff for their Service

Whereas, libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; and

Whereas, libraries have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

Whereas, libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and

Whereas, libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and

Whereas, the Summit County Department of Heritage and Arts operates three (3) library branches (Coalville, Kamas Valley, Kimball Junction), one (1) Bookmobile, and three (3) materials lockers, providing 476,432 items (physical and digital) to over 152,000 visitors annually; and

Whereas, as a community resource, Summit County's libraries provided over 5,000 public computer sessions and close to 213,000 Wireless network sessions in 2022; and

Whereas, Summit County's 13 full-time librarians and 10-part-time librarians in all three library branches combined provide 942 library programs for children, teens, and adults and adapt to the ever-changing needs of the community, continually expanding collections, services, and programs; and

Whereas, April 23-29, 2023 is designated National Library Week.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Summit County Council does hereby recognize National Library Week and thanks Summit County library staff for the services they deliver to the community, and encourages all residents to help celebrate National Library week by visiting their library to explore the wealth of resources available or participate in a library sponsored program during the week of April 23-29, 2023.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of April 2023.
SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

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