

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
APRIL 7-13, 2019**

- WHEREAS,** libraries exist to foster community and connect people with the resources and information they need to achieve their goals and reach for their full potential; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries and librarians build strong communities through services, programs, collections, meeting spaces and partnerships that support education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment, collaboration and civic engagement; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries provide safe and welcoming public spaces for all members of the community to access information and resources, connect with others, and freely exchange information and ideas; and
- WHEREAS,** Pikes Peak Library District welcomed more than 3.25 million patron visits to 14 library facilities and mobile library stops throughout El Paso County in 2018; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2018 Pikes Peak Library District hosted thousands of programs, classes, and community events at libraries and other locations that entertained and informed more than 269,000 kids, teens, and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** these trusted and treasured institutions serve as an important resource for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status, by offering services and opportunities that transform people's lives and strengthen communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Skorman, President of Colorado Springs City Council, proclaim April 7-13, 2019 as

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in the City of Colorado Springs and encourages all residents to visit their local library, explore what's new, and engage with a librarian.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 15th day of March 2019.

Richard Skorman, President
Colorado Springs City Council