

## **National Library Week April 8-14, 2018**

- WHEREAS,** libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries and librarians look beyond their traditional roles and provide transformative opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, empowerment and engagement, as well new services that connect closely with patrons' needs. In 2017, 32 individuals obtained their High School Equivalency (GED) certificates through their Adult Education Division. PPLD also launched Career Online High School for adults;
- WHEREAS,** in 2017, PPLD welcomed more than 3.2 million people to mobile library stops and 14 branches throughout Colorado Springs and El Paso County;
- WHEREAS,** in 2017, PPLD held 12,456 programs, classes, and community events at libraries and at other locations that entertained and informed 213,934 children, teens and adults. Our Children's Division served 12,413 children who participated in our Summer Adventure Program;
- WHEREAS,** libraries and librarians lead their communities in innovation, providing STEAM programming, Makerspaces and access and training for new technologies. In 2017, over 3000 people attended our Mini-Maker Faire at Library 21c. PPLD also opened up the Knights of Columbus Hall at the Penrose Library campus as a DIY programming venue in support of the Colorado Springs arts community;
- WHEREAS,** librarians continue to lead the way in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies. In 2017, PPLD built a makerspace and recording studio to serve the Southeast Colorado Springs community at the Sand Creek Library;
- WHEREAS,** libraries are pioneers supporting democracy and effecting social change, with a commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;
- WHEREAS,** libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Richard Skorman, President of Colorado Springs City Council, proclaim National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what's new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you and our library leaders, Libraries Transform.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Colorado Springs to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

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Richard Skorman  
President of City Council