

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Library

BOARD AGENDA # *A-5

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE March 17, 2015

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim the Week of April 12, 2015 to April 18, 2015 as Stanislaus County Library Week, in Conjunction with National Library Week

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2015 as Stanislaus County Library Week.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2015-101

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor De Martini
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, De Martini, and Chairman Withrow
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None

- 1) Approved as recommended
- 2) Denied
- 3) Approved as amended
- 4) Other:

MOTION:

ATTEST: Christine Ferraro
CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

DISCUSSION:

The library is asking the Board of Supervisors to join in the 57th annual celebration of National Library Week. This nationwide campaign, sponsored by the American Library Association, is designed to celebrate libraries, librarians, and the power of information.

Today's libraries are much more than just a collection of books and children's Story Times. Customers are invited to use library computers. The library's website, www.stanislauslibrary.org, offers customers access to their accounts, the library catalog, and information about library events and other online resources. SCFL mobile, offers a mobile version of the website's basic features. Customers can also access eBooks, eMagazines, downloadable audiobooks, streaming movies and music, as well as interactive language learning software.

Vital libraries that offer evolving resources are an important part of a healthy community, and all residents are encouraged to visit their library to celebrate National Library Week.

POLICY ISSUES:

Creating public awareness of libraries addresses the Board priorities of A Strong Local Economy and Efficient Delivery of Public Services.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this item.

CONTACT PERSON:

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STANISLAUS COUNTY
LIBRARY WEEK
April 12-18, 2015

WHEREAS, reading and literacy are cornerstones of a free and democratic society; and,

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status; and,

WHEREAS, literacy is key to achieving personal success in school, in business and in life; and,

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open up a world of possibilities through innovative programming and through the power of reading; and,

WHEREAS, librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals, providing technology training and access to technologies; and,

WHEREAS, libraries offer 24/7 access to library services through online resources such as eBooks, eMagazines, downloadable audiobooks, music, and movies, online language instruction, and research databases; and,

WHEREAS, libraries partner with parents and caregivers to empower children with the knowledge and skills necessary for successful participation in school; and,

WHEREAS, libraries continually grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities; and,

WHEREAS, librarians are actively building partnerships in the community and reaching out to parents, children and low-literate adults; and,

WHEREAS, libraries provide free resources such as employment searches, test preparation materials and computer training classes; and,

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters in Stanislaus County are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors does hereby unanimously proclaim April 12-18, 2015, Stanislaus County Library Week and urges everyone to visit their local library to take advantage of the wonderful resources available, provided through the voter-approved 1/8-cent sales tax dedicated to the support of libraries.