



## **National Library Week April 7 – April 13, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer the opportunity for everyone to connect with others, learn new skills, and pursue their passions, no matter where they are on life's journey; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted institutions, striving to ensure equitable access to information and services for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, developing and expanding collections, programs, and services that are as diverse as the populations they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries play a pivotal role in economic development by providing resources and support for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, thus contributing to local prosperity and growth; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are an essential public good and are treasured, fundamental institutions in democratic societies, working to improve society, protect the right to education and literacy, and promote the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Schertz Public Library was established 46 years ago by resident request; has 22 Staff Members and approximately 35 Volunteers who serve the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Schertz Public Library had more than 397,000 check-outs, 194,000 visits, and provided 537 programs to close to 115,000 attendees last year; and

**WHEREAS**, Schertz Public Library provides access to more than 270,000 items in multiple formats including physical items such as books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, audiobooks, games, kits; and digital items such as e-books, e-audiobooks, digital newspapers, streaming video and a number of online services and resources; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I, Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor of the City of Schertz, proclaim

### **National Library Week, April 7-13, 2024.**

During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library and celebrate the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us every day.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the City of Schertz to be affixed on this the 2nd of April 2024.

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Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor