



National Library Week **April 6-April 12, 2025**

- WHEREAS**, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities; and
- WHEREAS**, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and personal development; and
- WHEREAS**, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive; and
- WHEREAS**, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community; and
- WHEREAS**, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success; and
- WHEREAS**, libraries nurture young minds through story times, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; and
- WHEREAS**, libraries protect the right to read, think, and explore without censorship, standing as champions of intellectual freedom and free expression; and
- WHEREAS**, dedicated librarians and library workers provide welcoming spaces that inspire discovery, collaboration, and creativity for all; and
- WHEREAS**, Schertz Public Library was established 47 years ago by resident request; has 22 Staff Members and approximately 45 Volunteers who serve the City; and
- WHEREAS**, Schertz Public Library had more than 411,000 check-outs, 223,000 visits, and provided 747 programs to almost 20,000 attendees last year; and
- WHEREAS**, Schertz Public Library provides access to more than 300,000 items in multiple formats including physical items such as books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, audiobooks, games, kits; and digital items such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital newspapers, streaming video and a number of online services and resources; and
- WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “**Drawn to the Library**”.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor of the City of Schertz, proclaim
April 6–12, 2025, as National Library Week.

During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library draws us together as a community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the City of Schertz to be affixed on the 1st day of April 2025.

Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor