



# A Proclamation

**Whereas** Wisconsin's public, school, academic, and special libraries touch the lives of millions of Wisconsin residents in a positive way each year by lending library materials, answering reference questions, conducting adult and children's programs, and by providing access to electronic information; and

**Whereas** the state's libraries support a competitive workforce with computers, high-speed Internet access, literacy programs, and other resources in the library to help children and adults learn to find, evaluate, and use information they need for their education, health, jobs, and other needs; and

**Whereas** Wisconsin's libraries are national leaders in cooperative resource sharing – expanding the resources available to Wisconsin residents in a cost-effective way, helping make libraries a good investment overall – a recent study showed a return of \$4.06 for each taxpayer dollar invested in Wisconsin public libraries; and

**Whereas** librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find the information they need to live, learn, work, and govern in the 21st century;

## Therefore, be it resolved that

April 12-18, 2009, be proclaimed National Library Week in Wisconsin, and that all state residents be encouraged to visit their library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available, and thank their librarians and library staff for making information and education accessible to all.



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