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Title: WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery; and,

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WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can find joy through exploration and discovery; and,

WHEREAS, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh has long served as a trusted and treasured institution in our region with 20 neighborhood locations in the City that provide clean, safe, accessible, and welcoming spaces; 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 are champions for early literacy, igniting a love of reading in young learners that helps ensure school readiness and success; and,

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through Storytimes, STEAM programs, and other literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime; and,

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations 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 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, all libraries in Allegheny County serve as vibrant community hubs, directly strengthening communities by connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and cultural enrichment; and,

WHEREAS, all Pittsburgh and Allegheny County residents are encouraged to visit their neighborhood library to explore its resources and celebrate all the ways the library helps our community find joy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Pittsburgh do proclaim the week of April 19-25, 2026, as National Library Week in the City of Pittsburgh.