

**City of San Rafael
Proclamation**

Week of the Young Child - April 6 – 12, 2024

WHEREAS, children’s cognitive, physical, social and emotional, and language and literacy development are built on a foundation of children’s positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and

WHEREAS, quality early childhood education promotes the intellectual, emotional and physical development of children, which in turn lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life; and

WHEREAS, young children need developmentally appropriate, accessible, and available early care and education settings; and

WHEREAS, high-quality early childhood education depends on high-quality early childhood educators who ensure that children, supported by families, have the early experiences they need for a strong foundation; and

WHEREAS, public policies and programs which support early learning for all young children are crucial to their futures, and those who contribute significantly to the lives of young children in our community deserve our recognition and gratitude; and

WHEREAS, San Rafael is a strong, safe community which is supportive of families raising caring and capable children, and it appreciates the many organizations and individuals that support access to high-quality childcare programs for our young people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE COLIN, Mayor of San Rafael, hereby proclaim April 6 through 12, 2024 as the Week of the Young Child and hereby recognize that when our society invests in educators, we also invest in children and families.



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**Kate Colin
Mayor**

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National Library Week - April 7 – 13, 2024

- WHEREAS,** in our always-online world, libraries give us an open and accessible place to do something truly special: to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new ideas through access to digital content, emergent technologies, arts, literary, educational and cultural programs – in addition to books; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and
- WHEREAS,** throughout the different stages of life’s journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—the library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE COLIN, Mayor of San Rafael, hereby proclaim April 7 through 13, 2024 as National Library Week. During this week, I encourage all residents to connect with their library by visiting any of the San Rafael libraries online or in person to access resources and services.



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**Kate Colin
Mayor**