

**City of San Rafael
Proclamation**

National Library Week - April 23 – 29, 2023

- WHEREAS,** libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of connection, build community, and bridge equity gaps; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries connect people to technology, providing access to high-speed internet, computers, and resources that are critical for accessing education and employment opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries offer opportunities for everyone to connect with new ideas and become their best selves through access to multimedia 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,** to adapt to our changing world, libraries are expanding and evolving their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons; 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,** libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; 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 23 through 29, 2023 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.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate".

**Kate Colin
Mayor**