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Bay County Board of County Commissioners and Parker City Council Proclaim National Library Week

Both the Bay County Board of County Commissioners and the Parker City Council recently joined officials across the state and the nation to declare April 12-18, 2015 National Library Week. National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

Here is the text from both proclamations:

WHEREAS, libraries create potential and possibilities within their communities, campuses and schools;

WHEREAS, libraries level the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies;

WHEREAS, libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities;

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open up a world of possibilities through innovative programming, job-seeking resources and the power of reading;

WHEREAS, librarians are trained, tech-savvy professionals, providing technology training and access to downloadable content like e-books;

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that April 12-18, 2015 is proclaimed National Library Week in Bay County / the City of Parker. All residents are encouraged to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available @ your library.

The Bay County Public Library and the Parker Public Library greatly appreciate the support we receive from our local officials!

The Bay County Public Library has two special events planned in celebration of National Library Week. Park rangers from Eden Gardens State Park and Camp Helen State Park will be at the Bay County Public Library for the Great Library Campout on April 14th @ 3:30 p.m. Kids are invited to come sit around the campfire, view displays, and learn more about wildlife in our state parks.

Also, the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries is sponsoring a free jazz concert on April 15th at 6 p.m. at the Bay County Public Library. The concert features Steve Gilmore on bass and Jimmy Ward on guitar and vocals. Light refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries. Space is limited. Pick up your ticket today at the Circulation Desk in the library. You can also email rburgess@nwrls.com and we can send you a printable ticket via email.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City. For more information, please call 522-2100.

The Parker Public Library is located at 4710 Second Street in Parker. For more information, please call 871-3092.

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