Office of the Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough
Alaska

Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries remain one of the most trusted institutions in our country and about 8 in 10 adults feel that libraries help them find information that is trustworthy and reliable;

WHEREAS, libraries serve all members of their communities without judgement or prejudice;

WHEREAS, libraries remain relevant by offering information in all formats—physical, digital and virtual to better serve the needs of their patrons;

WHEREAS, today’s libraries are sometimes the only place community members can access broadband or the tools of modern technology in order to successfully study, obtain employment, communicate, start a business, become literate, or share ideas;

WHEREAS, libraries are a front-line defense against mis and disinformation by assisting their patrons to decipher between real and fake news;

WHEREAS, libraries are instrumental in helping to reduce summer reading loss by producing engaging Story Times and vibrant Summer Reading Programs;

WHEREAS, libraries help community members improve their quality of life every day;

WHEREAS, libraries play a critical role in the educational, social and economic health of a community;

WHEREAS, libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all;

WHEREAS, FNSB Libraries, our librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Bryce Ward of the Fairbanks North Star Borough, do here by proclaim

National Library Week
April 3-9, 2022

During this week, I encourage all residents to connect with their library by visiting online or in person to access resources and services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of April 2022.

[Signature]
Bryce Ward, Mayor
Fairbanks North Star Borough

ATTEST:

[Signature]
April Trickey, MMC
Borough Clerk