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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 6-12, 2025, TO BE "NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK" IN THE STATE  
OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators McKenney, Gallo, Lauria, Ujifusa, Gu, Felag, Mack,  
LaMountain, Dimitri, and Patalano  
Date Introduced: April 08, 2025

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

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- WHEREAS, Libraries of all types are at the heart of their communities, serving the cities,
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- towns, schools and campuses across Rhode Island; and
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- WHEREAS, Libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging
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- and community; and
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- WHEREAS, Today's libraries and their services extend far beyond the four walls of a
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- building and welcoming all who wish to use their resources; and
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- WHEREAS, For people lacking broadband at home, libraries provide access to
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- computers and Wi-Fi, even checking out Internet hotspots and laptops; and
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- WHEREAS, Libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as
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- diverse as the communities they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and
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- WHEREAS, In times of crisis, libraries, librarians, and library workers play an invaluable
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- role in supporting their communities, both in person and virtually; and
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- WHEREAS, Libraries provide access to digital resources, including e-books and lifelong
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- learning tools; and
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- WHEREAS, Libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of
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- information and ideas for all; and
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- WHEREAS, Libraries defend the right to read and the premise that "free people deserve
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- to read freely"; and
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- WHEREAS, Libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions for all

1 members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender  
2 identity, or socio-economic status; and

3 WHEREAS, Libraries, librarians and library workers are joining library supporters and  
4 advocates across the nation to celebrate "National Library Week"; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims April 6-12,  
6 2025, to be "National Library Week" in the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby thanks Rhode Island's libraries, librarians and  
8 library workers for their service to our community. During this week, we encourage all residents  
9 to visit their library to access resources and services. Because of you, libraries transform lives and  
10 communities; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Office of Library and Information Services,  
13 and each Rhode Island City and Town Libraries.

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