

Introduced by Senator Wolk

February 22, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to California Library Week.

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SCR 14, as introduced, Wolk. California Library Week.

This measure would declare April 14 to April 20, 2013, inclusive, as California Library Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, California Library Week seeks to partner with the
2 efforts surrounding National Library Week, which is being
3 celebrated in public libraries throughout the United States from
4 April 14 to April 20, 2013, inclusive; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 21 million people use California's public
6 libraries each year; and

7 WHEREAS, California's public libraries are changing and
8 dynamic places, offering books, computers, Internet access, e-mail
9 reference, eBooks, and other innovative services to connect their
10 users with ideas and information; and

11 WHEREAS, California's public libraries are valued community
12 centers providing education, information, knowledge, and
13 entertainment; and

14 WHEREAS, California's public libraries and librarians advance
15 teaching and learning by helping students, faculty, seniors,
16 veterans, researchers, and other members of the general public
17 obtain the best, most accurate, and complete information; and

1 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries provide equal and
2 economical services to library users, and in many cases, serve as
3 a community’s only point of access to resources for learning; and

4 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries provide technology
5 training and help to bridge the digital divide for those who do not
6 have access to technology at home or at school; and

7 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries change lives by serving
8 over 20,000 adults annually through customized literacy services
9 delivered primarily through trained volunteers, who contribute
10 over 750,000 hours annually to assist adults in learning how to
11 read; and

12 WHEREAS, The students of California are a rapidly growing
13 group of library users, visiting the state’s public libraries after
14 school and on weekends for homework assistance and for materials
15 to use in school assignments; and

16 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries are important
17 community educational resources, providing books and innovative
18 programs and services such as preschool literacy readiness, Toddler
19 Times, the Summer Reading Program, Grandparents and Books,
20 and Reach Out and Read in conjunction with pediatric clinics; and

21 WHEREAS, This year the California State Library will be
22 celebrating its 163rd year of providing technical assistance and
23 consultation to California’s public libraries, and preserving and
24 hosting an abundance of California’s priceless historical items;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, California’s public libraries preserve our cultural
27 heritage, inform our present, and inspire our future; now therefore,
28 be it

29 *Resolved, by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
30 *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature declares the week of April
31 14 to April 20, 2013, inclusive, as California Library Week, and
32 commends California’s public libraries, librarians, and all library
33 workers for enriching the lives of California residents and helping
34 to make our state an exceptional place to live, learn, and work;
35 and be it further

36 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
37 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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