

# **City of Grand Island**

# Tuesday, April 09, 2002 Council Session

## Item C5

## Proclamation "National Library Week" April 14-20, 2002

National Library Week will be observed April 14-20, 2002. The theme for 2002 is: @ your library.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate. See attached PROCLAMATION.

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City of Grand Island City Council





### THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

#### City of Grand Island State of Nebraska

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, our nation's libraries and librarians play a vital role in connecting

millions of people with the resources they need to live, learn, work,

govern and thrive in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS, Americans use libraries to find jobs, to learn to read, to be literate

online, to find vital health facts, to research their environment and

diets - and to find food for our souls; and

WHEREAS, free people need free libraries, and America's libraries are the

cornerstones of our democracy; and

WHEREAS, librarians are the guardians of free access to information and

resources. Libraries are for everyone, everywhere; and

WHEREAS, every library - whether public, school, academic or special - has

something unique to offer that ties its community to the very

concept of a free people in a free land; and

WHEREAS, a library is just as important a part of a community's infrastructure

as any road, bridge, public building or utility; and

WHEREAS, libraries are places of opportunity, education and self-help.

Libraries are part of the American dream; and

WHEREAS, libraries bring you the world. Nowhere else can you have access to

nearly anything on the Web or in print as well as personal service

and assistance in finding it; and

WHEREAS, in times of economic instability, Americans turn to - and depend on

- their libraries and librarians; and

WHEREAS, awareness and support must be increased for libraries by increasing

the visibility of libraries in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique

and valuable; and

WHEREAS, millions of people pass through the library each year, but without

adequate support, library resources may not be there when we med them. We must ensure our libraries have a future with sustained

funding and support; and







WHEREAS,

libraries and library supporters across America and beyond are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America's Libraries, "@ your library"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ken Gnadt, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2002 as

#### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in the City of Grand Island, and I encourage all citizens to support and use their library. Discover or rediscover the wealth of resources available at your library. Rediscover America @ your library.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Grand Island to be affixed this Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Two.

	Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska
Attest:	RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

