



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 13, 2004

Council Session

Item C3

Proclamation "National Library Week" April 18-24, 2004

"A Lifetime of Learning @ Your Library" is the local theme for this year's celebration of National Library Week, April 18th through the 24th. This year also marks the 30th year of the Edith Abbott Memorial Library building, and after a week of activities the library will be hosting an open house/donor wall dedication on April 24th to honor the past and plan for the future of our library facilities. The Mayor has proclaimed the Week of April 18-24, 2004 as "National Library Week". See attached PROCLAMATION.

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THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
City of Grand Island
State of Nebraska

PROCLAMATION

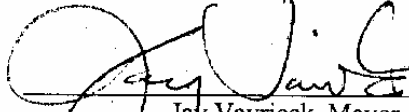
- WHEREAS, Our nation's public, academic and school libraries provide equity of access to library users nationwide no matter their age, income and socioeconomic background; and
- WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in providing millions of people with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st century; and
- WHEREAS, libraries are changing and dynamic places and librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online; and
- WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning; and
- WHEREAS, libraries bring you a world of knowledge both in person and online, as well as personal service and assistance in finding what you need, when you need it; and
- WHEREAS, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the “digital divide;” and
- WHEREAS, awareness and support must be increased for libraries, librarians and library workers by raising their visibility in a positive context and by communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique and valuable and how librarians provide the information literacy skills that people need to succeed throughout life; and
- WHEREAS, more individuals must be recruited to the profession of librarianship and to work in libraries to maintain their vitality in today's changing workplace; and
- WHEREAS, libraries and library supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with @ your library™, The Campaign for America's Libraries, and locally with the theme “A Lifetime of Learning @ Your Library”.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby
proclaim, April 18 -24, 2004 as

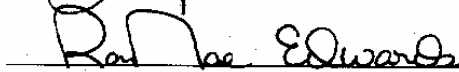
“NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK”

in the City of Grand Island, and encourage all residents to take
advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank
their librarians for making information available to all who walk
through the library’s doors. Come see what’s new @ your
library this April during this 30th anniversary year of the Edith
Abbott Memorial Library and the 120th anniversary as the Grand
Island Public Library in fall 2004.

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


Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:


RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

