

# **City of Grand Island**

Tuesday, April 12, 2005 Council Session

## Item C4

#### Proclamation "National Library Week" April 10-16, 2005

"Something for Everyone @ Your Library" is the local theme for this year's celebration of National Library Week, April 10th through the 16th. This year our public library will be participating in the One Book/One State reading/discussion of Willa Cather's book "My Antonia" with programs throughout the week. And in keeping with "something for everyone", plans for the library expansion will be the subject of a special exhibit at the library and on GITV during the week. The Mayor has proclaimed the Week of April 10-16, 2005 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, school and specialized libraries provide something for everyone;

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<sup>™</sup>, The Campaign for America's Libraries, and locally with the theme "Something for Everyone @ Your Library".





NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Vavricek, Mayor of Grand Island, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim, April 10 - 16, 2005 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 and on the horizon for the library's expansion/renovation project expected to break ground in fall 2005.

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

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

