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**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**FROM:** County Library

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 14, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Proclaim April 12 – 18 National Library Week and recognize the contributions of the Friends of the Temecula Libraries and of Nancy Gentry, President of the Friends of the Thousand Palms Library

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors: Proclaim the week of April 12-18, 2009 as National Library Week; and, approve the attached proclamations to acknowledge the contributions of The Friends of the Temecula Libraries over the past 30 years, and the achievements of Nancy Gentry, President of the Friends of the Thousand Palms Library.

**BACKGROUND:** National Library Week is celebrated annually in either the second or third week of April. This is an appropriate time to acknowledge and celebrate the important role that the Riverside County Library plays in educating and informing the residents of the County. In these difficult economic times, it is important and appropriate to recognize the support provided by Friends of the Library groups throughout the county. The Riverside County Library would especially like to recognize the Friends of the Temecula Libraries for thirty years of library support and Nancy Gentry, the President of the Thousand Palms Library, for her contributions to the Art Samson Library.

*Nancy L. Johnson*  
Nancy L. Johnson, County Librarian

**FINANCIAL DATA**

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NA
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NA
Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2009

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE**

BY: *Gary M. Christmas*  
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**County Executive Office Signature**

Consent  
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Dept't Recomm.:  
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

**Prev. Agn. Ref.:**

**District:** All

**Agenda Number:**

2.13

Departmental Concurrence

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## **National Library Week 2009 Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans, today, more than ever;

**WHEREAS**, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning;

**WHEREAS**, library use is up nationwide among all types of library users, continuing a decade-long trend;

**WHEREAS**, libraries play a vital role in supporting the quality of life in their communities;

**WHEREAS**, libraries can help you discover 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;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are a key player in the national discourse on intellectual freedom, equity of access, and narrowing the "digital divide;"

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week with The Campaign for America's Libraries.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors proclaim National Library Week, April 12-18, 2009 and encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for making information accessible to all who walk through the library's doors. Worlds connect @ your library.

## **Proclamation Honoring The Friends of the Temecula Libraries**

**WHEREAS**, the Friends organization was formed in June of 1979 as the Friends of the Rancho California Library and has provided thirty years of faithful service to the libraries and community of Temecula; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends successfully raised capital in excess of one million dollars towards the building of two new libraries and continues to contribute to the enhancement of library services through the establishment of two Friends book stores that raise money for the purchase of materials, furniture, and equipment to enhance and expand the libraries' operation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Temecula libraries are fortunate to benefit from the many services provided by the dedicated group of Friends volunteers who promote, encourage, and enhance the work of these libraries while supplying endless hours as advocates of reading and life-long learning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends dedicate themselves to the enrichment of the community by funding the libraries' monthly children's programs and the annual summer reading program, as well as, numerous cultural events including musical concerts, speaker series, author's fests and book signings, poetry events and the city-wide Temecula Reads program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends energize libraries by forming partnerships with Riverside County, the City of Temecula, the Temecula Unified School District, the Temecula Chamber of Commerce, and other community organizations to promote reading and libraries in the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of the contribution the Friends of the Temecula Libraries make to our libraries and citizens, do hereby honor the Friends during National Library Week, April 12-18, 2009, and urge all citizens to recognize and applaud their invaluable service.

## **Proclamation Honoring Nancy Gentry**

**WHEREAS**, the Riverside County Library System serves over one million county residents at 33 branches and two bookmobiles across the county, and

**WHEREAS**, over 2.7 million people visit the Riverside County Library System borrowing over 3.1 million items each year, and

**WHEREAS**, the Art Samson Community Library serves its community with over 41,000 visitors to the library annually, circulation of over 23,000 items annually and offers programming and services for children, young adults and adults, and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Thousand Palms Library have been a constant source of financial support and advocacy for the programs and services at their library, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Nancy Gentry is the current president and has been an officer and active member of the Friends of the Thousand Palms Library, and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Gentry is the 4<sup>th</sup> District Representative to the Riverside County Free Library Advisory Committee, and

**WHEREAS**, for many years, Mrs. Gentry has been a tireless supporter of library services in Thousand Palms, including supporting construction of a new building for the library resulting in the new Art Samson Community Library, and

**WHEREAS**, April 12 to 18 is National Library Week throughout the United States and an opportunity to honor and recognize our libraries and library leaders.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and celebrates Mrs. Nancy Gentry for her many contributions to the Art Samson Library in Thousand Palms and extends to Mrs. Gentry its gratitude for her advocacy and support for the Riverside County Library System and the Art Samson Library.