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SAN DIEGO CELEBRATES NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK *Public libraries evolve to become the bedrock of neighborhoods*

San Diego, CA – Sunday, April 9th through Saturday, April 15th is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians, and library employees. In addition to being a quiet place to study, libraries have become the bedrock of neighborhoods, where individuals of all ages can collaborate using new technologies, receive their high school diploma, or even host their own classical music concert.

San Diego's public libraries have evolved to meet the needs of the communities they serve. By providing such resources as e-books and technology classes, programs for job seekers, or a safe haven in times of crisis, libraries have truly transformed San Diego's neighborhoods.

"When we reinvest in our libraries, we reinvigorate our communities. To date, my office has allocated \$47,606 to support the Balboa, Clairemont, North Clairemont, Mira Mesa, and Rancho Peñasquitos branch libraries," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

In its 59th year, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

"The San Diego Public Library has a vision to be the place for opportunity, discovery and inspiration. We are committed to providing innovative programs and educational services for all of our diverse communities in San Diego. Libraries truly can transform lives," said Misty Jones, Library Director.

WHAT: National Library Week Celebration

DATE: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Balboa Branch Library (Clairemont), 4255 Mount Abernathy Avenue, San Diego 92117

VISUALS: Councilmember Cate reading "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!" by Mo Willems to youth, arts and crafts, face painting, Dewey Decimal scavenger hunt, [Catalog of Life/LifeScanner bug collection kits](#)

