



## ***Proclamation***

Board of County Commissioners  
Manatee County, Florida

**WHEREAS**, libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge by providing free access to all; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are part of the American dream, places for education, opportunity, and lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries work to meet the changing needs of their users, including building collections, expanding outreach services, and increasing programming to help children, families, and retirees learn to find, evaluate, and use information they need for school, work, or to enrich their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County Libraries help to equip a competitive workforce with training resources, small business support, public high-speed internet and wireless access, as well as a broad array of resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County's Librarians are trained professionals, who help Manatee County's citizens navigate the shifting terrains of the economy, assist students and workers to achieve digital literacy, and prepare the next generation to lead; and

**WHEREAS**, all County residents are encouraged to visit their Library this week to take advantage of the broad range of library resources available, and thank their Librarians and Library staff for making information and education accessible to all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, that April 14-20, 2013, shall be known, designated, and set aside as

### ***NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK***

in Manatee County, Florida, and the Board calls upon all residents to support the aims and goals and heightening the awareness of the importance of our County libraries.

**ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2013.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Larry Bustle, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

**R. B. "Chips" Shore  
Clerk of Circuit Court**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk