



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Libraries provide the opportunity for everyone to pursue their passions and engage in lifelong learning, allowing them to live their best life; and

WHEREAS: Libraries have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS: Libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as diverse as the populations they serve and ensure equity of access for all; and

WHEREAS: Libraries adapt to the ever-changing needs of their communities, continually expanding their collections, services, and partnerships; and

WHEREAS: Libraries play a critical role in the economic vitality of communities by providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for job seekers, small businesses, and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS: Libraries are accessible and inclusive places that promote a sense of local connection, advancing understanding, civic engagement, and shared community goals; and

WHEREAS: Libraries are cornerstones of democracy, promoting the free exchange of information and ideas for all; and

WHEREAS: Libraries, librarians, and library workers are joining library supporters and advocates across the nation to celebrate National Library Week.

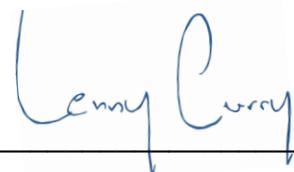
NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 23 – 29, 2023 as

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize libraries and library workers for their dedication to our city and support local libraries and utilize the expansive resources they have to offer, both in person and virtually.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this 13th Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lenny Curry".

MAYOR