



Resolution

In The City Council

In The Year Two Thousand Nine

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

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; and

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

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; and

WHEREAS . . . The Waltham Public Library is as busy as ever, with over 100 visits per hour in the past month, and over 575,000 items circulated, or an average of 197 items per hour, in Fiscal Year 2008; and

WHEREAS . . . The Friends of the Waltham Public Library sponsor a rich variety of cultural programs for all ages, with 7,449 people attending 319 programs in Fiscal Year 2008, including concerts, author visits, theatrical performances, story times and workshops; and

WHEREAS . . . The Waltham Public Library plays a vital role in supporting the quality of life in our community, offering a place for residents and visitors to meet, relax, work, study, and play - 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS . . . The Waltham Public Library is a key player in providing equity of access and narrowing the "digital divide," providing 26 public Internet computers, wireless access, free computer instruction, and free online access to both practical and scholarly subscription information services; and

WHEREAS . . . Waltham Public Library librarians and library workers collaborate and cooperate with their colleagues at the Waltham Public School Library Media Centers and with many community organizations to promote literacy and education; and

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 Waltham City Council hereby recognizes the week of April 12-18, 2009 as National Library Week, and encourages all residents to visit the Waltham Public Library this week, at 735 Main Street or waltham.lib.ma.us, 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.

Respectfully submitted: