

LIBRARY WEEK

WHEREAS: Our state's libraries are modern community centers, supporting education, providing access to information and entertainment and providing millions of people with the resources they need to live, learn and work in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS: Librarians are the ultimate search engines, helping people of all ages find the information they need in print and online; and

WHEREAS: Libraries are places of opportunity and lifelong learning for everyone, offering free access to computers, the Internet, and education and self-help resources in the form of books, periodicals, tapes, CDs and videos; and

WHEREAS: Librarians are leaders in local and national movements to create solutions to challenges. These challenging issues range from equity of access to information and education, academic achievement and the digital divide; and

WHEREAS: Libraries play an active role in building the community by preserving local history and heritage, opening their doors to civic organizations and community meetings and hosting programs and exhibits that introduce new cultures, perspectives and ideas; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 6-12, 2003, LIBRARY WEEK and encourage all residents to take advantage of the wonderful array of free resources available at their local libraries to thank their librarians for making information available to all who walk through the library's doors.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand three.

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