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Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** peter ginsberg <peterlgins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 11:04 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** National Library Week

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I'm so proud of our Santa Barbara Public Library and all it does to support our community. In these uncertain times my library provides resources to help me navigate and provide my family with educational and vocational tools.

With budget cuts everywhere our libraries need our neighbors to stand up and allow the flow of information continue unfettered. Here's to our tireless librarians!

Peter Ginsberg  
Santa Barbara

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**From:** Cecilia Harris <cecilia.harris6@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 11:39 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** A Public Comment Regarding Resolution A-2 Proclaiming National Library Week

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I cannot be there in person, so I send these heartfelt comments of thanks. As a member of the Santa Barbara Public Library Advisory Board, I've had the privilege to witness the importance of the Santa Barbara Public Library in our community. Our Library is an essential part of our social structure, promoting literacy from young to old, enabling job searches, accessing computers and learning tech skills, promoting life-long learning, and navigating much needed resources across our city. Our mobile van meets our community where they are. Our Library is an equitable, safe and reliable community hub for all. Please continue your support of our libraries in these challenging economic times. Your investment reaps positive returns socially and economically. Thank you for all that you do.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cecilia Harris, co-Chair  
Santa Barbara Library Advisory Board

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**From:** tettrazini@cox.net  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 1:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Library Proclamation

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Good morning County Supervisors,

I'm the president of the Friends of the Santa Barbara Library. With the treat of eliminating IMLS funding, we will need the County Board of Supervisors to increase their investment in, and do more for all of the country libraries.

I've included a YouTube of a PBS News Hour that talks about all of the essential services the libraries offer to the community, including help with job applications, English language tutoring, the summer reading programs and access to the internet.

The Santa Barbara Library offers training in the Orton Gillingham approach to teacher reading. Trained tutors then work with children in the first through the fourth grades that need help getting up to grade level. I have worked with several students over the past years, and there is nothing more rewarding to see students improve and gain confidence.

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy\\_kArHgY0A&ab\\_channel=PBSNewsHour](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy_kArHgY0A&ab_channel=PBSNewsHour)

Thank you for your work,

Barbara Cronin Hershberg – Friends of the Santa Barbara Library

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**From:** Margaret Smith Crocco <margaret.crocco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 7, 2025 2:32 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** A Public Comment Regarding Resolution A-2 Proclaiming National Library Week

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for issuing a proclamation on behalf of National Library Week for all the wonderful libraries in Santa Barbara County. I am sorry that I cannot be there in person to deliver this public comment.

As the Chair of the Santa Barbara Library Advisory Board, I, like you, appreciate all the terrific work done by these libraries for our communities, large and small. All of us associated with the work of libraries are grateful for your acknowledgement of these institutions' countless contributions to the expansion of general knowledge, skill development, and access to digital resources for all those in our diverse communities.

Your proclamation comes at a critical time in which many libraries feel threatened by efforts aimed at the censorship of reading materials and the contraction of programs due to budget cuts of the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS). Termination of this IMLS funding will eliminate programs in our county that support basic needs such as literacy and workforce development and access for all to digital infrastructure.

For many of us, these IMLS cuts reflect a lack of appreciation for the central role played by libraries in developing healthy, high functioning, and equitable communities. I respectfully request that you couple your proclamation with a commitment to sustain, if not expand, funding for our libraries so that they can continue to do their good work for all those who live in Santa Barbara County.

Thank you for all you do for our county, for this proclamation, and for consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Margaret S. Crocco

Chair, Santa Barbara Library Advisory Board