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Please accept this letter in support of public libraries in general and National Library Outreach Day in particular.

Thank you,

Patricia Saley
Friends of the Montecito Library
1st District representative, County Library Advisory Committee



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Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
105 East Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA. 93101

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing on behalf of the Friends of the Montecito Library to express our support for the National Library Week and National Library Outreach Day tomorrow, April 22nd.

Across our county, professionals, volunteers and patrons are coming together to meet essential community needs that are best provided in libraries. We are united in our mission to provide equitable access to information, foster lifelong learning, and create welcoming spaces where all residents can connect, grow, and thrive.

Now more than ever, it is critical that we protect and sustain our libraries, especially if cuts in services provided by County of Santa Barbara Social Services and Public Health Departments are necessary. At a time when communities rely on trusted public spaces and free access to resources, continued investment in libraries ensures that everyone—regardless of background—has the opportunity to succeed.

We respectfully urge you to support the Library this National Library Week and to continue championing libraries as vital infrastructure for a strong, informed, and connected community.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to the residents of Santa Barbara County.

Sincerely,

Patricia Saley
President