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Body...

WHEREAS, libraries are not just about what we have for people, but what we do for and with people; and

WHEREAS, libraries have long served as trusted and treasured institutions, and library workers and librarians fuel efforts to better their communities, campuses and schools; and

WHEREAS, librarians continue to fulfill their role in leveling the playing field for all who seek information and access to technologies, especially as our society is at a critical juncture regarding the changing information landscape and the skills needed to thrive in our digital world; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians open a world of possibilities through innovative STEAM programing, Makerspaces, job-seeking resources and the power of reading; and

WHEREAS, libraries and librarians are looking beyond their traditional roles and providing more opportunities for community engagement and delivering new services that connect closely with patrons’ needs; and

WHEREAS, libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegheny County Council does hereby proclaim April 9-

15, 2017 to be “*National Library Week*” in Allegheny County. We encourage all residents to visit the library this week and explore what’s new at your library, and engage with your librarian. Because of you and our experts in the library, Libraries Transform.