



PROCLAMATION

ONE CITY. ONE JACKSONVILLE.

WHEREAS: Local Friends of the Library groups in Jacksonville connect our libraries with our community, holding popular events, recruiting members, and promoting the library as an essential component of literacy and quality of life in pursuit of the library's goal of securing 75 percent of households in Duval County using or contributing to the library by 2030; and

WHEREAS: Local Friends of the Library groups in Jacksonville devote countless hours to raising funds that finance programming, events, learning materials, computer technology, e-classrooms, software, staff training, digital access, leadership awards, and the preservation of historic collections; and

WHEREAS: Local Friends of the Library groups in Jacksonville enlighten citizens, community leaders, and state officials to the importance of the library, its potential, and its future; and

WHEREAS: Local Friends of the Library groups in Jacksonville were instrumental in securing vital funding for the library from the city of Jacksonville for fiscal year 2021 including \$6,000,000 for construction of the new library on New Berlin Road and retention of the library's budget at the same level as fiscal year 2020 despite extremely challenging financial times.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LENNY CURRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as mayor of Jacksonville, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 18-24, 2020 as

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK

in Jacksonville and encourage all citizens to recognize the Local Friends of the Library groups for their dedication to our city and support local libraries and utilize the expanse resources they have to offer, both in person and virtually.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, this *12th* day of *October*
in the year Two Thousand *Twenty*

Lenny Curry

MAYOR

CITY OF JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA