



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, libraries help lives change in their communities, campuses, and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians and library workers strive to meet the changing needs of their communities, including providing resources for everyone and bringing services outside of library walls; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians and library workers bring together community members to enrich and shape the community; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians and library workers are trained, tech-savvy professionals, providing technology training and access to downloadable content like e-books, music, and research materials; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries offer programs to meet community needs, providing residents with 24/7 homework help and tutoring, language learning and ESL practice classes, and resources from teen financial planning for student loans to older adults planning their retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries continuously grow and evolve in how they provide for the needs of every member of their communities; and

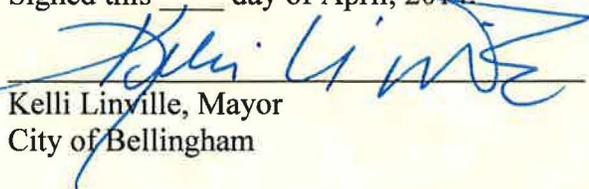
**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers, Friends of the Library, the Whatcom County Library System Board of Trustees and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that we, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim April 13-19, 2014 as:

### NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and we encourage all residents to visit their local community library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at your library. Lives change at your library.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

  
Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

  
Jack Louws, Executive  
Whatcom County

