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Communities Matter @ Your library: Celebrate National Library Week April 14-20

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Charleston, WV. The West Virginia Library Commission joins libraries across West Virginia and the nation in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Libraries are often the heart of their communities, campuses or schools, and they are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study.

West Virginia libraries are celebrating themselves and their communities this National Library Week. West Virginians are encouraged to find their local library and discover how they can take part.

For example, the Jackson County Public Library wants to reach 414 "Likes" for its Ravenswood location on Facebook by 04-14-13 to kick off National Library Week. Director Hope Nobel invites "Anyone who would like to help us" to visit the library's Facebook page.

The Dora B. Woodyard Memorial Library in Elizabeth, WV is reenacting a Civil War camp on Friday, March 19 with a visit from "Mad Anne Bailey" scheduled.

The Terra Alta Public Library in Preston County has much in store for its community. On Monday, Terra Alta Mayor Charles Feather and former Mayor Howard Metheny will talk about the history of the library since its founding in 1972. The men were there at the beginning, putting up shelves in Town Hall, the original library facility. The rest of the week includes a fair, Clown Day and Craft Day. Friday is "Games and Puzzles Galore Day," "one of the community's favorites," according to Director Ima Thomas.

In Raleigh County, "Shady Spring Public Library believes in the power of community," said Director Carolyn Light, about the discussions community members will present. Highlights include Lacy Treadway on "Backyard Medicine: Finding Medicine and Food in Your Backyard" on Monday and Dreama Denver on her new book, "Gilligan's Dreams" about her life with Bob Denver on Tuesday. Both presentations are at 2 pm.

The Williamstown Public Library in Wood County will present three speakers for National Library Week. On Monday, woodworking writer and editor A. J. Hamler will discuss Civil War Woodworking. On Tuesday, Kittie Clark will discuss Appalachian Dulcimers. On Thursday, local

historian, certified genealogist and *Marietta Times* columnist Louise Zimmer will discuss the Ohio River Islands. All presentations are at 7 pm.

The West Virginia Library Commission is celebrating National Library Week with two activities on April 18. For “Poem in Your Pocket Day,” State Library staff will share their favorite poems with customers throughout the day. At noon the staff will present a session of the “Digital Petting Zoo” where they will demonstrate the newest and most popular e-readers available.

The West Virginia Library Commission serves the people of West Virginia, including those with disabilities; libraries across the state; legislators and state employees by providing a number of services. More information on the agency can be found at www.librarycommission.wv.gov.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information about activities in the West Virginia State Library, contact Heather Campbell Shock, State Library Services Manager, via heather.s.campbell@wv.gov or call 1-800-642-9021, option 3.