



Proclamation
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO
Recognizing the El Dorado County Library
and the importance of Early Childhood Literacy

WHEREAS, the early years of a child's life—beginning at birth—are critical to reading development and writing abilities, and that early literacy is associated with positive long-term outcomes, including school success, college attendance and fulfilling careers; and,

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Library supports parents and caregivers, reaching nearly one in six children, ages birth through 5 annually, offering early literacy programs at all six branches, including outreach to preschools and child care programs throughout the county; and,

WHEREAS, Library programs are developmentally appropriate that engage children and their parents in literature, movement, music, art and play activities developing motor skills and provide opportunities for social interactions; and,

WHEREAS, Librarians are teachers of early literacy who encourage and inspire parents as their child's first teacher through sharing a love of books and reading, and use their professional knowledge and expertise to foster a family of readers; and,

WHEREAS, the County Library successfully and efficiently utilizes grant funds that have resulted in national Family Place Library recognition; workshops for parents with their children; combines resources within the community; provides early childhood education staff development; encourages collaboration; and, established mobile child development classrooms; and,

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Library is a leader in the State of California, where results of early literacy programs, partnerships and community collaborations have been formally recognized and where the California State Library looks to El Dorado County for guidance with other libraries' early literacy programming; and,

WHEREAS, in 2013, El Dorado County led the state with an estimated 79% of families reading to their children on a daily basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado does herewith acknowledge the efforts of the El Dorado County Library and their successful programs that support parents and caregivers as their child's first teacher and by providing programs that positively engage families and early care and education providers for our 0 through 5-year-old population, inspiring and leading our children toward lifelong success.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 20th day of May, 2014.

Attest:

James S. Mitrising

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, by:

Deputy Clerk

Norma Santiago, Chair, Board of Supervisors