

Proclamation

Randolph County Public Library Month

WHEREAS, by 1936, the citizens of Franklinville, Asheboro and Ramseur had established public libraries in their communities; and

WHEREAS, these citizen-advocates sought local government funding to sustain and develop their libraries, and envisioned a county library system; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1940, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners established the Randolph Public Library system, providing funding and appointing a library Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, formation of the Randolph Public Library leveraged state and federal funds, enabled the hiring of a full time professional library director, established a core collection of books for the libraries, and led to a bookmobile service to reach underserved areas of the county; and

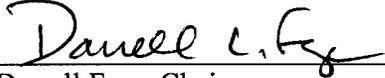
WHEREAS, the citizens of Randleman, Liberty, Archdale and Seagrove subsequently established libraries for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Public Library, celebrating its 75th Anniversary, today stands as a shining example of cooperation among county and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the citizens visit their libraries over half-a-million times annually and check out over half-a-million items, and have made their library system a driving force for early childhood literacy, **digital literacy**, workforce development, lifelong learning, and the benefits and joys of just plain reading for pleasure;

NOW THEREFORE, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims the month of September, 2015, as “Randolph County Public Library Month” and urge all the citizens to sign up for a library card and take advantage of all the library has to offer.

This the 8th day of September, 2015.



Darrell Frye, Chairman
Randolph County Board of Commissioners