WHEREAS, April 10 through 16, 2011, is celebrated as National Library Week; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto Library system is a treasure in our community and provides lifelong learning and a place to explore, to gather, and to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, we live in an information age and our libraries provide equity of access and are a gateway to knowledge and services for all residents; and

WHEREAS, our libraries are places for our children and teens to check out the latest books, do research for school projects, get help with homework, and are wonderful, safe places; and

WHEREAS, with overwhelming community support the citizens of Palo Alto passed Measure N in 2008 to renovate the Downtown and Main Libraries and to rebuild Mitchell Park Library and Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Library Foundation’s mission is to spearhead fundraising campaigns to support a modern, dynamic library system that serves the needs of everyone in our city; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Palo Alto extends grateful appreciation to the Palo Alto Library Foundation for their efforts to fill our renovated and new libraries and community center with modern furniture, dozens of new computers, audio-visual equipment for the study and program rooms, and tens of thousands of new books and electronic resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sidney A. Espinosa, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 10 through 16, 2011 National Library Week. I encourage all residents to visit the Library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources at your library.

Presented: April 2011

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Sidney A. Espinosa
Mayor