



*City of Abbeville*  
**National Library Week 2011  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide free access to all – from books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining;

**WHEREAS**, our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans today, more than ever;

**WHEREAS**, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are helping level the playing field for job seekers, with 88% of public libraries providing access to job databases and other online resources;

**WHEREAS**, libraries are places of opportunity providing programs that teach all forms of literacy, promoting continuing education and encouraging lifelong learning;

**WHEREAS**, in times of economic hardship, Americans turn to – and depend on – their libraries and librarians;

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that I Ryan Blalock, Mayor of Abbeville, proclaim National Library Week, April 10-16, 2011. I encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at the Abbeville Memorial Library.

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Mayor Ryan Blalock