

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Lawrence H. Curry

**DATE:** April 1, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Co-Sponsorship of a Resolution  
**Recognizing the week of April 10 through 16, 2011, as “National Library Week” and April 12, 2011 as “National Library Workers Day” in Pennsylvania**

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce a resolution that designates the week of April 10 through 16, 2011, as “**National Library Week**” in Pennsylvania, and April 12, 2011 as “**National Library Workers Day**” in Pennsylvania.

As you may know, the American Library Association annually designates a week in April as a national observance to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries, librarians and library workers to their communities, and to promote library use and support. As educational, community, and cultural centers, libraries serve as important foundations for healthy communities.

In addition, this year, we join the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) in celebration and recognition of the unique contributions of all librarians and library workers and their value, acknowledging their expert assistance and knowledge they provide both in-person and online by declaring April 12, 2011 “**National Library Workers Day**”.

These vital institutions, and the library workers, are dynamic assets to the learning process and they provide indispensable educational resources and assistance for everyone. Each year, millions of Americans utilize the services of their library to expand their knowledge and become better informed, and to seek entertainment, thereby enriching their lives. Indeed, according to a report of the most recent statistics, published in 2005 by the National Center for Education Statistics, the total number of visits to libraries nationwide in Fiscal Year 2003 approached 1.3 billion, or 4.6 visits per capita. For these reasons and more, I believe that libraries are the cornerstone of our democracy.

Please join me in expressing appreciation for our librarians and library workers, and in helping to increase awareness and support for our libraries so that they may remain a unique and valuable tool for present and future generations of Americans.

If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Nancy Porvaznik via email [nporvazn@pahouse.net](mailto:nporvazn@pahouse.net) or by phone 783-1079/In-House Ext: 6532.