

**State of Vermont
Executive Department
A Proclamation**

- WHEREAS,** libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge by providing free access to all; and
- WHEREAS,** our nation's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries serve as crucial technology hubs for people in need of free Internet access, computer training, and assistance finding and using online resources; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries work to meet the changing needs of their users, building print and digital collections, providing outreach services, and offering programming for all ages; and
- WHEREAS,** our nation's libraries provide a forum for diverse ideas and points of view that help us better understand ourselves and one another; and
- 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; and
- WHEREAS,** librarians design and offer services to meet their community's economic needs, providing residents with job-seeking and e-Government resources; and
- WHEREAS,** libraries are part of the American dream, places for education, opportunity and lifelong learning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2012 as

LIBRARY WEEK

in Vermont and encourage residents to visit their local libraries
to take advantage of the vast array of resources available.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of Vermont on this 26th day of March, A.D. 2012.

/S/
Peter Shumlin
Governor