



Proclamation

WHEREAS, on November 17, 1960, the Santa Rosa Carnegie Library was closed following safety inspections by city and state officials. The library then found temporary quarters at 207 Exchange Avenue, an upstairs location that rapidly proved too small; and

WHEREAS, On December 15, 1964, officials of the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma signed an agreement to consolidate the Santa Rosa Public Library and the Sonoma County Library. Construction of the two story, 61,000 square foot library began in September of 1965. The \$1.7 million building was designed by Francis J. McCarthy, a San Francisco architect, and replaced the existing Carnegie Library at Fourth and E Streets; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 1967, after 10 years of planning and three bond elections, the Santa Rosa-Sonoma County Public Library at 211 E Street was dedicated. At opening there were more than 100,000 books on open shelves and thousands more in closed stacks located on the ground floor below the main, or public, floor; and

WHEREAS, today the Central Library's offerings have expanded to not only include books and other print materials, but also unique digital collections, databases, online services and training tools that are accessible to cardholders at the library as well as remotely; and

WHEREAS, despite tremendous growth in both population and usage, the Central Library has managed to serve as a vital community resource where trained staff and volunteers have consistently provided quality services to the public for the past 50 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Chris Coursey, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby proclaim Sunday, February 26, 2017, as

CENTRAL SANTA ROSA LIBRARY DAY

and urge Santa Rosa residents to join me in extending sincere congratulations and gratitude to the Central Santa Rosa Library staff for enriching our lives by providing a variety of intellectual, educational, recreational and cultural resources for the past 50 years.



Mayor Chris Coursey
February 14, 2017