

CONSENT AGENDA



**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Assistant County Administrator /
Department of General Services
Library Division**

Date: March 22, 2017
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: Jason E. Brown, County Administrator
Thru: Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator
From: Hollie McDougall, Brackett Library Branch Manager
Subject: National Library Week Amnesty Program

DESCRIPTIONS AND CONDITIONS:

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and to promote library use and support.

ANALYSIS:

Amnesty for library fines is a concept that has been around for many years. The purpose of an amnesty period is to promote the return of needed library material and increase utilization of the library system.

FUNDING:

While no new library fines would be generated during National Library Week of April 9-15, 2017, the library would benefit by receiving overdue materials which would decrease replacement costs for the returned items and allow other patrons to check out the materials as they are returned to circulation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff respectfully recommends approval of the National Library Week Amnesty Program. During the week of April 9-15, 2017, library patrons of all four branches of the Indian River County Library System will be permitted to return any overdue items with the applicable fees waived.

ATTACHMENT(s):

Library Amnesty Presentation PowerPoint slides.

National Library Week

April 9th through 15th



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Why Our Community Needs Full Library Access

- Access to materials – books, music, DVDs, periodicals, audio books.
- Access to computer – databases, internet, word processing



How We Benefit

- Circulation increases
- Materials returned
- Decreases replacement costs
- Promotes goodwill between library and patron.



Participating Florida Public Library Systems:

Brevard
Clearwater
Jacksonville
Martin
Osceola
Sarasota
St. Augustine
St. Petersburg
Volusia

Indian River County Library System Staff Recommendation

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