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Embrace leadership at your library: celebrate National Library Week April 8-14

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL — 4/8/18 — This week, the St. Johns County Public Library System (SJCPLS) joins libraries nationwide in celebrating the many ways libraries lead their communities through the transformative services, programs and expertise they offer.

April 8-14 is National Library Week, an annual celebration of the life-changing work of libraries, librarians and library workers. Libraries aren't just places to borrow books or study—they're also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies and develop their skills and passions.

Libraries of all types have long been evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. Diverse groups, including elected officials, small business owners and students depend upon libraries and the resources they offer. Resources like e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners and programs for job seekers are just a few ways libraries and librarians are transforming to lead their communities. Community members can also develop their own leadership skills at the library, with endless opportunities to build skills and confidence through resources and programming.

"The library helps lead our community by advocating for widespread access to crucial services and lifelong learning," said Library System Director Debra Rhodes Gibson. "Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who seek information and access to technologies to improve their quality of life."

SJCPLS is celebrating National Library Week by hosting a wide variety of special programs for kids, teens and adults. The library also invites patrons to participate in our "Where did the library lead you?" social media promotion for a chance to win a \$100 VISA gift card and a copy of "Firebird," the Coretta Scott King Award-winning book by Misty Copeland, 2018 National Library Week Honorary Chair.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

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*The St. Johns County Public Library system serves the community by providing access to technology, facilities, collections, programs and services that help people meet our mission: **Connect, Learn, Enjoy @ Your Library.***
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