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President Nixon's Statement Launching National Library Week (April 21 - 27, 1974)

It's a great pleasure for me to commend the National Book Committee and the American Library Association on sponsoring an observance that annually reminds us of the importance and need for effective library services in our society.

I particularly welcome the opportunity to applaud the forward-looking programs of our libraries to attack illiteracy and encourage public interest in books and reading. Men, women, and children of all ages benefit from the multimedia projects offered by today's libraries. Those who perpetuate this yearly tradition help measurably to stimulate a wiser use for valuable library resources. Their leadership strengthens the fabric of our democratic way of life.

(signed) Richard Nixon

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