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**Lives Change @ Your Library**  
**Celebrate National Library Week April 13-19**

**Kerrville, Texas (April 7, 2014)** – Join the Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library and libraries in schools, campuses, and communities nationwide as we celebrate National Library Week, April 13<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, is a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians, and library workers.

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Often the heart of communities, campuses or schools, libraries are deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work, and study. Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and re-engage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover what their communities needs are and meet them. Whether through offering e-books and technology instruction, materials for English-language learners, resources for job seekers or those to support early literacy, librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond.

The Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library serves the residents of the City of Kerrville and Kerr County by providing print and electronic materials, including electronic devices, for checkout, interlibrary loan services, public access computers and Wi-Fi, and facilities for

group meetings. In addition to these services, the library assists area students by providing access to electronic databases, live homework help through Tutor.com, and test proctoring.

“Serving their community has always been the focus of librarians and library staff,” said Laura Bechtel, Library Director. “While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved over time in how they provide for and address the needs of every member of their community.”

The Butt-Holdsworth Memorial Library is celebrating National Library Week by offering a variety of programs to participate in, including:

- Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – Downloading eBooks to your Device
- Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – Preschool Story Time
- Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 p.m. – Movie Matinee

The Library will also host a “Design Our Next Bookmark” contest. Entries may be submitted at the Library April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup> in three categories: Kids (12 and under), Teens (13-17), and Adults (18 and up). Designs must be appropriate for all ages and cannot contain licensed artwork. The template may be downloaded or picked up at the Library. The winning designs will be limited release bookmarks available at the library.

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. In addition, Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, is National Library Workers Day.

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