

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2009



April 12-18 is National Library Week. National Library Week is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. Help the Apache County Library District celebrate by visiting your public library this week. Don't forget to thank a library specialist while you are there!

This year's national theme is **"Worlds connect @ your library."** There are so many worlds to visit through your library: other peoples and cultures, science and technology, history and literature, home improvement and recreation. At your library, you can borrow books that can truly take you anywhere. Enjoy periodicals like *National Geographic* that capture parts of the world between its distinctive yellow covers. Explore the World Wide Web, a vast universe of information that is available through public access computers at every library.

Your public library is filled with multiple resources: books, periodicals, Internet access, reference assistance, office software, videos, audiobooks, meeting rooms, and programs for people of all ages. Through the Interlibrary Loan service, virtually any book can be borrowed for you, even if it's not on your library's shelf. With free access to all these resources, you can get help with homework and job searches, and enjoy music, movies and much, much more.

National Library Week gives us an opportunity to think about how important public libraries are to our communities. Public libraries play a critical role in self-education, which empowers us to do and understand more. Libraries allow everyone, regardless of income, to make informed decisions about their lives. With all those resources and a dedicated staff to help, you can learn about your government, your health, and your work. You can gain specific knowledge about an array of subjects, or simply relax with a good book. The choice is yours!

Go to www.apachecountylibraries.com for more information, and stop by your local library for National Library Week.

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