

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

**TO HONOR AND COMMEMORATE
THE OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
FOR 125 YEARS OF SERVICE
1878 – 2003**

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WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library, the second oldest public library in the state, celebrates its 125th year of service to Oakland and its surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Public Library informs, inspires and delights our diverse community as a resource for information, knowledge, and artistic and literary expression, providing the best in traditional services, new technologies and innovative programs; and

WHEREAS, library services for children began in 1902 with the opening of the Main Library at 14th and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, now the home of the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO). A Children’s Room was established in that building that quickly became a center for activities and programs. Today, every Oakland Public Library branch has a children’s collection and specialized staff to assist children and families; and

WHEREAS, branch libraries adopted a service model to serve Oakland’s ethnically diverse community. The Cesar Chavez Branch, for example, opened in 1966, and was the first branch library dedicated to the Spanish-speaking community; the Asian Branch Library opened in 1976, is specialized in serving Oakland’s Asian community; the African American Museum and Library since 1994 provide a comprehensive reference collection on African American history; and the American Indian Library’s collection of books and periodicals on Native American history, art, and culture is unique to the Bay Area since 1979; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland Public Library has a long history of innovative services and that as it celebrates 125 years of special services for residents of Oakland and California, the Oakland City Council commends the Oakland Public Library for its commitment to the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council congratulates the Oakland Public Library and its dedicated supporting staff for 125 years of servicing our community and extend best wishes for continued success.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, REID, QUAN, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES-

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ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: _____
CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California

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