



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Nov. 7, 2019, marks the 75th anniversary of the formation of Whatcom County Library System by local citizens, who understood public libraries would strengthen rural Whatcom County by sharing information to promote understanding, stories to cultivate empathy, and presence to support community, and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Library System is a leader in enabling economic prosperity and personal well-being within the county's diverse communities by providing free, convenient, and equitable access to a wide-ranging collection of books, technology, events, and digital services online, at the 10 library branches, Bookmobile and Library Express locations, and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County Library System champions community members' right to access information privately and serves as a sanctuary for curiosity, thinking, and free exchange of ideas, and

WHEREAS, through collaborations with public and academic libraries and other partners, Whatcom County Library System inspires lifelong learning through discovery, inquiry, and reading for pleasure, especially for children, and

WHEREAS, over the past 75 years, Whatcom County Library System staff and volunteers have created programs and environments that foster an engaged community where curiosity is cultivated, literacy flourishes, and democratic ideals thrive.

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, hereby proclaim Nov. 7, 2019,

Whatcom County Library System Day

in Whatcom County, and I encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating Whatcom County Library System on its 75th anniversary of service to our County and invite citizens to participate in special activities at all County libraries on Nov. 7, 2019.

Signed this 22nd day of October, 2019.



Jack Louws, County Executive

