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News Release

Colorado Libraries Promote Economic Benefits At State Capitol On Wednesday, April 14; Event Is Part Of National Library Week

Library advocates from around the state will gather at the Colorado State Capitol on Wednesday, April 14 to talk about libraries and their role in economic development as part of National Library Week, April 11—17. Library advocates will host an informational booth on the second floor of the Capitol from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Posters and information will be provided.

National Library Week (April 11 – 17) is an annual celebration of the contributions of the nation's libraries and librarians.

Colorado libraries are celebrating National Library Week by highlighting the many ways libraries help individuals, businesses and organizations thrive. Colorado's theme this year is "Libraries Mean Business."

In these challenging economic times, libraries provide customers with access to information, ideas and resources to help them find jobs, grow businesses and stay connected in the digital world.

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.

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