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DPNR CELEBRATES NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 4TH - 10TH

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources is pleased to announce that the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums is celebrating **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** throughout the Territory during April 4-10, 2021.

Nationwide the week highlights the changing role of libraries, librarians, and library workers. This year's theme is "**WELCOME TO YOUR LIBRARY.**"

"Libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs." -American Library Association 2021

Monday April 5th: Release of the State of America's Libraries Special Report: COVID-19

Visit our Facebook Page VI Public Libraries, DPNR. Also, view a list of the "Most Challenged Books" throughout the years.

"Most Challenged Books" Display at Charles Wesley Turnbull Regional Public Library
April 6th -April 30th

Tuesday, April 6th National Library Workers Day

Patrons are encouraged to show their appreciation for library staff.

- Thank your favorite library worker in person or on social media.
- Post photos of library staff on social media or in a display using the hashtag #NLWD21. Visit our Facebook at VI Public Libraries, DPNR

Wednesday, April 7th is National Outreach Day.

St. Croix – The St. Croix Bookmobile will be at Fort Frederik Museum in Frederiksted from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Stop by the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicap at Vitraco Mall Golden Rock Christiansted to learn more about our services.

St. Thomas – Storytime at Magens Bay Beach 10:00AM. Please be sure to bring your blanket. Admissions Fees Do Apply. All COVID-19 Rules and Regulations Apply.

Thursday, April 8th Take Action for Libraries Day

- Contact our Delegate to Congress and urge her to support the [Build America's Libraries Act 2021](#) #BuildLibraries
- Become a volunteer at your local library or join an advocacy group for libraries.
- Visit our Facebook page VI Public Libraries, DPNR for #ThrowbackThursday content on social media highlighting our libraries history.

Friday, April 9th Movie Day

St. Thomas - Movie Day at Charles Wesley Turnbull Regional Public Library at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Space is limited, reserve your viewing time with Mrs. Stephanie Anderson-Roberts at 774-0630. All COVID-19 rules and regulations apply.

St. Croix – Movie Day at the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Space is limited, reserve your viewing time with Ms. Lisa Lubrin at 340-718-2250. All COVID-19 rules and regulations apply.

Territory-wide

Book amnesty will be a key incentive at the public libraries during the week! Library patrons are encouraged to return their overdue books and have the accrued fines waived. Lost and damaged book fines, however, are excluded from book amnesty week.

Library Card Sign Up- Sign up for your library card at Charles Wesley Turnbull Regional Public Library, The St. Croix Bookmobile or download our library card application at www.usvipubliclibraries.com and submit your completed application to diam_trg@dpnr.vi.gov

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. For more information, contact the Charles W. Turnbull Public Library on St. Thomas at 774-0630 and the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at 718-2250 on St. Croix. Visit the public library's website at www.usvipubliclibraries.com calendar of events, or more information.