



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

**WHEREAS**, libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge by providing free access to all; and

**WHEREAS**; libraries work to meet the changing needs of their users, including building collections, expanding outreach services and increasing programming; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries provide a forum for diverse ideas and points of view that help us better understand each other and ourselves; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy; and

**WHEREAS**, librarians design and offer programs to meet their community's economic needs, providing residents with resume writing classes, interviewing workshops and job seeking resources; and

**WHEREAS**, school librarians and their services are key to educational success in the digital age; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are part of the American Dream, places for education, opportunity and lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2012, as

## LIBRARY DAY

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this 14th day of March, 2012.

Governor

Secretary of State