

113TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 113

Designating April 23, 2013 as “National Adopt a Library Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 24, 2013

Mr. KAINE (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating April 23, 2013 as “National Adopt a Library Day”.

Whereas libraries are an essential part of the communities
and the national education system of the United States;

Whereas the availability of books and services provided by li-
braries are vital to the happiness, livelihood, and pros-
perity of the families and communities of the United
States;

Whereas the people of the United States benefit significantly
from libraries that serve as an open place for people of
all ages and backgrounds to use books and other re-
sources that offer pathways to learning, self-discovery,
and the pursuit of knowledge;

Whereas libraries in the United States depend on the gen-
erous donations and support of individuals and groups to

ensure that people who are unable to purchase books still have access to a wide variety of resources;

Whereas certain nonprofit organizations facilitate the donation of books to schools and libraries across the United States to extend the joy of reading to millions of people in the United States and to prevent used books from being thrown away;

Whereas libraries in the United States have provided valuable resources to people who are affected by the economic crisis by encouraging continued education and job training;

Whereas libraries are increasingly being used as a resource for people seeking the tools and information necessary to enter or reenter the workforce; and

Whereas several States that recognize the importance of libraries and reading have adopted resolutions commemorating April 23 as “Adopt a Library Day”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates April 23, 2013 as “National
3 Adopt a Library Day”;

4 (2) honors the organizations that facilitate do-
5 nations to schools and libraries;

6 (3) urges all people of the United States who
7 own unused books to donate the books to local li-
8 braries;

9 (4) strongly supports children and families who
10 take advantage of the resources provided by schools
11 and libraries; and

1 (5) encourages the people of the United States
2 to observe National Adopt A Library Day with ap-
3 propriate ceremonies and activities.

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