

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, *Friends of the Barrett Library, Friends of the Beatley Central Library, Friends of the Burke Branch Library, and Friends of the Duncan Library, raise money to expand the capacity of our libraries -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment and furniture, support for the SummerQuest reading program, and special events throughout the year; and*

WHEREAS, *the work of the Friends highlight, on an on-going basis, the fact that our libraries are the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to present; and*

WHEREAS, *the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our libraries get the resources necessary to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and*

WHEREAS, *the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2025, as:

“FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK”

In the City of Alexandria, Virginia and urge everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 18th day of October 2025.

MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk