

Date of Hearing: April 27, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 150 (Choi) – As Introduced March 25, 2026

SENATE VOTE: 38-0

SUBJECT: National Librarian Day.

SUMMARY: Recognizes April 16 as National Librarian Day in California; and, honors the librarians and library workers throughout the state for their dedication, professionalism, and service to the people of California. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) California has a distinguished library history dating back to 1850, when the Legislature established the California State Library to serve the needs of lawmakers and the public.
- 2) The California State Library, founded in 1850, stands as one of the oldest state libraries west of the Mississippi River and has served as a vital repository of California's legislative, historical, and cultural records.
- 3) The California public library system expanded significantly beginning in 1956 following the adoption of the federal Library Services Act, promoting equal access to information for residents in urban, suburban, and rural communities.
- 4) Today, more than 1,100 public library branches across the state serve millions of residents annually, offering free access to books, digital resources, literacy programs, workforce training, language services, and civic education.
- 5) California librarians have long championed intellectual freedom, equitable access to information, technological innovation, and the preservation of the state's diverse cultural heritage.
- 6) California's libraries have evolved from traditional book repositories into modern community hubs offering digital literacy instruction, broadband access, disaster recovery information, and safe gathering spaces.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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