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TRANSFORM YOUR IDEAS ABOUT THE LIBRARY: CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK APRIL 10-16

SUFFOLK, VA (April 1, 2016) The Suffolk Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating the dynamic changes that are happening in today's libraries. April 10-16 is National Library Week and offers a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers. The Suffolk Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with several events that include the debut of the new Library2Go vehicle and activities and events throughout the community to celebrate libraries and library workers.

In conjunction with National Library Week, the Suffolk Public Library will be launching its Libraries Transform public awareness campaign to highlight the transformative nature of our nation's libraries and elevate the critical role libraries play in the digital age. Libraries are essential to the community, transforming lives through innovative educational resources and forward-thinking programming. Libraries are doing their part to close the digital divide and level the playing field by providing free access to information and technologies that many in their communities would be hard pressed to find elsewhere.

Suffolk Public Library offers access to a variety of print and digital resources, including audiobooks, homework help, continuing education courses and more that can be accessed in person or online. Such tech-based resources are transforming lives through digital literacy and lifelong learning, contributing to education, employment, entrepreneurship, engagement and empowerment.

Libraries are many things to many people. They work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover and address the needs of their communities. Whether through offering e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners or resources for job seekers, libraries and librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond.

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. To learn more about the Suffolk Public Library, visit www.suffolkpubliclibrary.com. Follow the library on Twitter @SufPubLib and check for updates on Facebook at [Facebook.com/SuffolkPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/SuffolkPublicLibrary). For more information about Libraries Transform please visit <http://www.librariestransform.org>.

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