## Celebrate Libraries during National Library Week

National Library Week will be observed next week April 9-15, 2017 with the theme, "Libraries Transform." Libraries across the nation are continually changing and transforming in order to meet the needs of the citizens. Today's libraries have computerized catalogs, but they also provide computers with access to the internet for visitors to use.

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. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries school, public, academic and special - participate.

Celebrations during National Library Week include: National Library Workers Day, celebrated the Tuesday of National Library Week (April 11, 2017), a day for staff, administrators Friends and groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers; and National Bookmobile Day, celebrated the Wednesday of National Library Week (April 12, 2017), a day to recognize the contributions of our nation's bookmobiles and the dedicated professionals who quality bookmobile outreach possible in their communities..

The Public Awareness Office of the American Library Association coordinates the promotion and placing of articles in national media. Librarians, Friends and trustees of libraries join in sponsoring local promotions. Posters and other promotional materials are available through the ALA Graphics Catalog.

The ALA Public Awareness Committee assists in planning National Library Week and related activities. The committees holds open meetings at the ALA Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting. Suggestions are welcome.

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Retired Teachers Go to Austin! The Coke County Retired Teachers Association had eight members representing retired school personnel at the state convention and TRTA Rally Day in Austin, March 28 and 29. The group also joined almost a thousand other retired school personnel from across the state for the Rally at the Capitol on March 30. All the retirees were wearing red and filled the galleries of the Texas House of Representatives at 10 am and the Texas Senate at 12 noon.

Senators and Representatives of both Houses addressed the retirees from the floor expressing appreciation for their work. Those who

expressed support of retiree health care and pensions received rounds of applause. Some said it might have been the first time their were no empty seats in the galleries.

TRTA members know that the legislators have a full agenda every two years and appreciate their efforts to make Texas a good place. It is hoped that the legislators present recognize that the retired personnel in attendance in the galleries represent some 80,000 other folks with a vested interest in their votes on the floor of the House and the Senate

The Coke County Retired Teachers meet each third Monday of the month, beginning in September (December not included) at noon at the First Baptist Church in Bronte for a pot luck lunch and meeting and visitation. All retired school personnel are encouraged to join and attend. Visible participation is proof of active support of TRTA and the work done on behalf of retired school personnel. The next meeting will be Monday, April 17, at noon at the First Baptist Church in Bronte.

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