

Libraries Work Because We Do!

Celebrate NLWD on Tuesday, April 15, 2008

This is our unofficial national holiday—a day when we, our patrons and our communities recognize us for the incredible work that we all do, services both seen and unseen.

There are hundreds of ways you can celebrate National Library Workers Day. Here are just a few. For these and other great ideas, go to www.ala-apa.org/about/NLWDideas.html.

- 1 Have a party
- 1 Give thank you cards (electronic or print)
- 1 Have local businesses donate prizes for staff who “Go the Extra Mile”
- 1 Buy staff their favorite books
- 1 Invite patrons to tour and talk to staff throughout the library
- 1 Invite other departments (city or academic) into the library for a forum on the value of library staff
- 1 Design a bulletin board of “unknown” facts about library staff and call it the Wall of Fame
- 1 Place a journal at the circulation desk for patrons to write the staff member who has helped them the most
- 1 Quantify and publicize the work done by individuals and/or departments: “Mary Jones answered 127 reference questions” (within a certain time period)
- 1 Surprise a co-worker by taking a desk hour
- 1 Design a brochure of staff book and A/V picks for National Library Week
- 1 Have your state make a declaration about NLWD (see www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwd.html)
- 1 Feature a library staff member on the local news, public access or cable television shows, or on a radio program
- 1 Invite administrators to work side by side with library staff

Watch the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association Web site (www.ala-apa.org), library magazines, and your email in the coming months for more creative and fun ways to make NLWD memorable in your library.

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Remember: Libraries work because of the people who work in them. Show your appreciation!

