

THE SENATE

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

*2013 Regular Session
Senate Resolution No. 82
Wednesday, February 20, 2013*

Senator Brandon Smith introduced the following resolution which was co-sponsored by S. Gregory, J. Bowen, C. McDaniel and ordered to be printed.

A Resolution declaring February 20, 2013, as Public Library Day in the Kentucky Senate.

Whereas, Kentuckians use their libraries to meet their basic needs and to enhance their lives. Patrons use the public libraries to save money, educate their children, find jobs, and access the internet. A trip to the free public library almost always involves an element of personal growth; and

Whereas, public libraries provide programming to Kentuckians of all ages from toddlers to senior citizens; and

Whereas, public libraries are one of the most important sources for information. Librarians answered approximately 3.5 million reference questions last year alone; and

Whereas, there are nearly 25 million citizens who have library cards throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

Whereas, there is library service in every county in Kentucky, and there are 203 library facilities in Kentucky; and

Whereas, public libraries operate the largest fleet in the nation, and currently, there are 77 bookmobiles to serve the rural areas of Kentucky; and

Whereas, public libraries house over 4,000 computers that the public uses for information and writing. Librarians trained almost 35,000 Kentuckians in computer use last year; and

Whereas, public libraries make efficient and effective use of the available resources. According to the State Auditor, Adam Edelen, Kentucky's public libraries are role models of good governance, accountability, and transparency; and

Whereas, the Kentucky General Assembly Public Library Caucus is a bipartisan organization that supports legislation and budget initiatives in the Kentucky General Assembly that strengthen and advance Kentucky's public libraries; and

Whereas, the importance of libraries cannot be understated. According to Anne Herbert, an American writer, "Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries";

Now, Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. This Honorable Body declares February 20, 2013, as Public Library Day in the Kentucky Senate.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is to be and to be with a copy