



# County of Fresno

FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Date: March 25, 2026  
 To: Paul Nerland, County Administrative Officer  
 From: Sally Gomez, County Librarian *Sally Gomez*  
 Subject: Approval To Celebrate/Recognize Upcoming Holidays

In accordance with Administrative Policy 81 (AP 81) – *Department Celebrations and Recognitions*, this memorandum requests authorization for the Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) to participate in activities recognizing the following holidays:

NAME	DATE
Parkinson's Awareness Month	4/1/26 - 4/30/26
Passover	4/1/26 - 4/9/26
Easter	4/5/2026
Drop Everything and Read Day (D.E.A.R.)	4/12/2026
Money Smart Week	4/15/26 - 4/21/26
National Library Week	4/19/26 - 4/25/26
Administrative Professionals Day	4/22/2026
National Shakespeare Day	4/23/2026
Preservation Week	4/26/26 - 5/2/26
El Dia de los ninos / El dia de los libros	4/30/2026
Law Day	5/1/2026
Vesak (Buddha Day)	5/1/2026
Celiac Awareness Month	5/1/26 - 5/31/26
Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) Awareness Month	5/1/26 - 5/31/26
National Children's Book Week	5/4/26 - 5/10/26
National Teacher Day	5/5/2026

FCPL regularly provides educational, cultural, and seasonal programming consistent with its mission to serve Fresno County's diverse communities; and approval of activities related to these listed holidays, would support the continuation of the level of participation expected of our library branches.

All activities would be voluntary, appropriate to the workplace, and supported by educational displays, informational programming, and staff engagement efforts that do not disrupt normal operations.

Please advise if additional information or documentation is required; and approval of this request would be greatly appreciated.

APPROVED       DENIED

*Paul Nerland*

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**County Administrative Officer**

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Celebration theme:

Parkinson's Awareness Month

Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: Celebrated for many years

Number of staff expected to participate:

35

Estimated cost:

0

What will the celebration entail?

Parkinson's Awareness Month will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

What is the public purpose of the Celebration?

This theme will be used to engage with the public and promote library programs.

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**Celebration theme:**

Passover

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**

Yes  No

If yes, please explain: Celebrated for many years

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

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**What will the celebration entail?**

Passover will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

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**Celebration theme:**

Easter

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: FCPL has celebrated Easter for many years.

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

0

**What will the celebration entail?**

What will this celebration entail: Easter will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

This theme will be used to engage with the public and highlight library resources.

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04/14/2026

**Celebration theme:**

Drop Everything and Read Day (D.E.A.R.)

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:** FCPL has celebrated Drop Everything and Read Day for many years.

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

0

**What will the celebration entail?**

Drop Everything and Read Day will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

This theme will be used to engage with the public and highlight library resources.

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**Celebration theme:**

Money Smart Week

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**

Yes  No

If yes, please explain: Celebrated for many years

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

0

**What will the celebration entail?**

Money Smart Week will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

This theme will be used to engage with the public and promote library programs.

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04/19/26-04/25/26

Celebration theme:

National Library Week

Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain: Celebrated for many years

Number of staff expected to participate:

35

Estimated cost:

0

What will the celebration entail?

National Library Week will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

What is the public purpose of the Celebration?

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**Celebration date(s):**

04/22/2026

**Celebration theme:**

Administrative Professionals Day

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**  Yes  No

**If yes, please explain:** FCPL has celebrated Administrative Professionals Day for many years.

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

0

**What will the celebration entail?**

Administrative Professionals Day will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

This theme will be used to engage with the public and highlight library resources.

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04/23/2026

**Celebration theme:**

National Shakespeare Day

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**     Yes     No

**If yes, please explain:**    FCPL has celebrated National Shakespeare Day for many years.

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

0

**What will the celebration entail?**

National Shakespeare Day will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

This theme will be used to engage with the public and highlight library resources.

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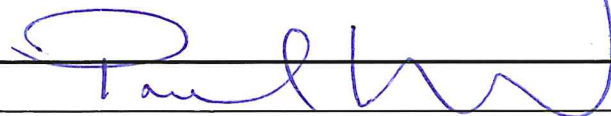
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04/26/26-05/02/26

Celebration theme:

Preservation Week

Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain: Celebrated for many years

Number of staff expected to participate:

35

Estimated cost:

0

What will the celebration entail?

Preservation Week will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

What is the public purpose of the Celebration?

This theme will be used to engage with the public and promote library programs.

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4/30/2026

Celebration theme:

El Dia de los ninos / El dia de los libros

Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: FCPL has celebrated El Dia de los ninos / El dia de los libros for many years.

Number of staff expected to participate:

35

Estimated cost:

0

What will the celebration entail?

El Dia de los ninos / El dia de los libros will be used as a theme in the month of April for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

What is the public purpose of the Celebration?

This theme will be used to engage with the public and highlight library resources.

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Celebration date(s):

5/1/2026

Celebration theme:

Law Day

Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: FCPL has celebrated Law Day for many years.

Number of staff expected to participate:

35

Estimated cost:

0

What will the celebration entail?

Law Day will be used as a theme in the month of May for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

What is the public purpose of the Celebration?

This theme will be used to engage with the public and highlight library resources.

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Celebration theme:

Vesak (Buddha Day)

Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: FCPL has celebrated Vesak (Buddha Day) for many years.

Number of staff expected to participate:

35

Estimated cost:

0

What will the celebration entail?

Vesak (Buddha Day) will be used as a theme in the month of May for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

What is the public purpose of the Celebration?

This theme will be used to engage with the public and highlight library resources.

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5/1/2026-5/31/2026

**Celebration theme:**

Celiac Awareness Month

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: FCPL has observed Celiac Awareness Month for a number of years.

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

0

**What will the celebration entail?**

Celiac Awareness Month will be used as a theme in the month of May for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

To engage the public to increase awareness about Celiac's Disease and share information.

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5/1-5/31/2026

Celebration theme:

Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) Awareness Month

Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: FCPL has taken part in this observance for many years.

Number of staff expected to participate:

35

Estimated cost:

0

What will the celebration entail?

Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) Awareness will be used as a theme in the month of May for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

What is the public purpose of the Celebration?

To engage the public and highlight library resources.

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**Celebration date(s):**

5/4-5/10/2026

**Celebration theme:**

National Children's Book Week

**Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?**  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: FCPL has observed National Children's Book Week for many years.

**Number of staff expected to participate:**

35

**Estimated cost:**

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**What will the celebration entail?**

National Children's Book Week will be used as a theme in the month of May for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

**What is the public purpose of the Celebration?**

To engage the public and promote library resources.

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Celebration theme:

National Teacher Day

Has the Department undertaken this celebration in the past?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain: FCPL has celebrated National Teacher Day for many years.

Number of staff expected to participate:

35

Estimated cost:

0

What will the celebration entail?

National Teacher Day will be used as a theme in the month of May for programs, displays, booklists, website announcements, social media posts, and other related activities. Additionally, the theme may be used in programming and displays throughout the year.

What is the public purpose of the Celebration?

This theme will be used to engage with the public and highlight library resources.

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