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CELEBRATE THE 60th ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

(Panama City, Fla.) **National Library Week** is April 8th – 14th with the theme, “Libraries Lead.” Today’s libraries lead their communities and transform lives every day. From education to job resources to lifelong learning, your library provides access to the programming and services you need to reach your potential and grow as a leader. This is the 60th anniversary of National Library Week that originated in 1958.

During National Library Week, **WonderWorks** (9910 Front Beach Rd, Panama City Beach) is partnering with the Northwest Regional Library System branches in Bay County to provide a complimentary ticket into WonderWorks for every new library card sign-up. This applies to Bay County Public Library, Panama City Beach Public Library, Parker Public Library, and Springfield Public Library. WonderWorks highly values reading, challenging the mind and sparking one’s imagination.

The Complimentary Ticket includes all WonderWorks exhibits, the Ropes Course, and one game of Laser Tag. It cannot be redeemed on Saturdays. If you are headed to WonderWorks on April 9th from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., you can sign-up for a library card on site and receive your complimentary ticket before entering! For those who already have a library card, you will receive a bookmark with a coupon that allows for one free child entrance with the purchase of an adult ticket.

Library cards are free to residents of Bay, Gulf and Liberty counties and are valid at any library in the system. Photo identification and verification of residency required. A parent or guardian must sponsor children under age 16. You can check out up to 20 items from the library for three weeks at a time including books, audiobook, dvds, Playaway eReaders, ukuleles, and dulcimers!

Looking for a way to give back to the library during National Library Week? Join a Friends of the Library group, donate your gently used books and DVDs, or share your love of the library with your friends and family! The Bay County Public Library is also accepting unused art and craft supplies to go towards library art programming. Some supplies will go towards a **Craft Supply Swap** program held on Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. For additional information about library events and programs, visit www.nwrls.com.

Northwest Regional Library System Branches in Bay County:

The **Bay County Public Library** is located at 898 W. 11th Street, Panama City, FL 32401. Call 850-522-2100 for more information.

The **Panama City Beach Public Library** is located at 12500 Hutchison Boulevard, Panama City Beach, FL 32407. Call 850-233-5055 for more information.

The **Parker Public Library** is located on 4710 Second Street, Parker, FL 32404. Call 850-871-3092 for more information.

The **Springfield Public Library** is located on 408 School Avenue, Springfield, FL 32401. Call 850-872-7510 for more information.

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