

# Resolution

**WHEREAS**, Harris County Public Library holds as a core tenet of its mission that literacy, in all its forms, is a crucial life skill that empowers individuals to thrive in both their professional and personal lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Harris County Public Library enriches the lives of thousands of area families each summer through a wide variety of engaging educational programs, music, theater, art, reading challenges, and prizes for readers of all ages who reach their personal reading goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Library’s Summer Reading Program was established to combat the “summer slide,” ensuring that students maintain the academic progress they have made during the school year over the long summer break, and has since grown to include entire families, from infants to great-grandparents, emphasizing that reading for pleasure and lifelong learning are valued and valuable endeavors at every stage of life; and

**WHEREAS**, Harris County Public Library serves as a vital community resource, fostering stronger, more civically engaged communities by nurturing each patron’s pursuit of knowledge, creativity, and personal fulfillment; and

**WHEREAS**, this summer, the library challenged the community to collectively read five million minutes during the two months of Summer Reading; and

**WHEREAS**, Harris County’s summer readers rose to the challenge and surpassed the goal with time to spare, collectively reading more than five million minutes—the equivalent of nine and a half years—in under seven weeks, and logged an additional 220,000 books read;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Harris County hereby recognizes and commends **Harris County Public Library and the thousands of readers across the county who participated in the 2025 Summer Reading Program** for their outstanding achievement and encourages all residents to continue fostering a love of reading and lifelong learning throughout the year.

in Harris County, Texas.

**It is hereby *ORDERED*** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of Commissioners Court this 7<sup>h</sup> day of August 2025.

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**LINA HIDALGO, County Judge**

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**RODNEY ELLIS**, Commissioner  
Precinct One

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**ADRIAN GARCIA**, Commissioner  
Precinct Two

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**TOM S. RAMSEY, P.E.**, Commissioner  
Precinct Three

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**LESLEY BRIONES**, Commissioner  
Precinct Four

ATTEST:  
  
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Teneshia Hudspeth, County Clerk  
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