



# Proclamation

## The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends of the Palo Alto Library

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Palo Alto Library (FOPAL) is a non-profit agency formed in 1938 by a group of library lovers whose objective was to support the library and enrich Palo Alto's cultural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, FOPAL celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, FOPAL is supported by individuals whose gifts of time and commitment to the library sets an example of positive civic engagement for our community; and

**WHEREAS**, FOPAL is an organization with over 410 volunteers who volunteer more than 4,000 hours annually; and

**WHEREAS**, FOPAL has been a membership organization since its inception, with revenues based first on dues and later from book sales which began in the 1970's; and

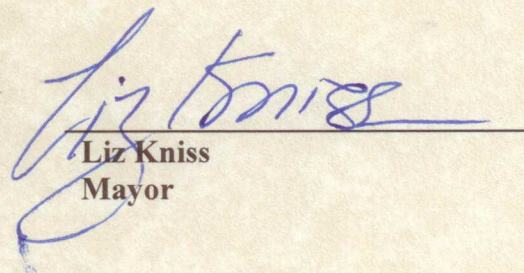
**WHEREAS**, FOPAL sells books and other materials online and holds monthly book sales open to the public at the Cubberley Community Center and ongoing sales in the bookstore at Mitchell Park Library and in kiosks at Rinconada and Downtown Libraries; and

**WHEREAS**, FOPAL has donated over \$2,500,000 to the Palo Alto City Library since 2004 to fund building projects, Foundation support, special events, collections, and the continued support of programs and services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Liz Kniss**, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council, during National Library Week 2018, do hereby salute the Friends of the Palo Alto Library for its work in building a caring community of library supporters for the past 80 years and wish the organization many successful years to come.

Presented: April 9, 2018



  
Liz Kniss  
Mayor