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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week will celebrate its 58th anniversary this year. First sponsored in 1958, it is a week of national observance supported by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country annually during the month of April. This year, National Library Week will be observed April 10-16, 2016.

On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, also National Library Workers Day, Judge Jorge Ortiz, Chief Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit, together with Aaron Lawlor, Chairman of the Lake County Board, will recognize the County's law library staff for their contributions, help and support provided each day to patrons and visitors to the law library. One of the Circuit's goals is to provide "Access to Justice," said Judge Ortiz. "This includes accessibility and availability to resources and services to all persons who are in need of legal information, and our library staff is always there to help in any way possible," added Ortiz. The Center for Self-Representation is also located in the law library. Information and how-to instructions, for example, are available to help self-represented litigants prepare and file documents and prepare for their day in court.

Known as the William D. Block Memorial Law Library, it was named after Circuit Judge William "Bill" Block who served on the bench of the 19th Judicial Circuit for 21 years. "I know Judge Block would be very honored and proud that the library was named after him. He not only loved the law, but was known as a legal scholar as well," said Judge Ortiz.

The William D. Block Memorial Law Library is located in the lobby of the County Building in Waukegan at 18 N. County Street. The public is invited to visit the library Monday through Friday. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding federal holidays. The library has seven computers with online legal research resources and internet access and a print collection of 20,000 items which includes state and federal legal resources. The library is staffed by a full-time law librarian, a bi-lingual senior clerk, and a part-time bi-lingual paralegal. Although staff cannot provide legal advice, they can direct you to self-help resources to assist you with your legal research.

The library staff can be reached by phone at 847.377.2800 or email at lawlibrary@lakecountyil.gov. To learn more about the William D. Block Memorial Law Library, visit www.19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/services/Pages/LawLibrary.aspx.

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