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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 9th - 15th, 2017, is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers and to celebrate the ways libraries are transforming their communities every day through the services and invaluable expertise they offer. First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a week of national observance supported by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country during the month of April.

On April 12th, the William D. Block Memorial Law Library and Center for Self-Representation will commemorate National Library Week with an Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the law library. Light refreshments will be provided and tours will be offered by the Law Librarian every half hour beginning at 11:00 a.m. Tours may be scheduled throughout the week of April 10th-14th by contacting the Law Librarian, Joanne Vandestreek, at 847-377-2267, or by email at jvandestreek@lakecountyil.gov.

“The Law Library and Center for Self-Representation play a vital role in providing the residents of Lake County access to the courts,” said Chief Circuit Judge Ortiz. “The staff provides self-represented litigants court forms, procedural information, access to legal research databases, and practice guides for a variety of legal topics. The Law Library also hosts the Illinois JusticeCorps program which can help residents navigate the courthouse and provide basic forms assistance with fill in the blank court forms for divorce, small claims, or other matters.”

The William D. Block Memorial Law Library is located in the lobby of the County Building in Waukegan at 18 N. County Street. It was named after Circuit Judge William “Bill” Block who served on the bench of the 19th Judicial Circuit for 21 years. The library is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding federal holidays, and is open to the public. The library has seven computers with online legal research resources and internet access; and a print collection which includes state and federal legal resources and practice materials. The library is staffed by a law librarian, a bilingual senior clerk, and a bilingual administrative assistant. 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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