


<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Legislative Services	
	<b>TOPIC:</b> Freedom to Read Week
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**PURPOSE OF REQUEST**

To consider acknowledging February 18 – February 24, 2024 as Freedom to Read Week.

**BACKGROUND**

See the attached poster.

**REQUEST OF COUNCIL**

*Proposed Motion:*

That Council acknowledge February 18 – February 24, 2024 as Freedom to Read Week.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix A: Freedom to Read Week Poster

**From:** Jessie Bach <jessie@marigold.ab.ca>

**Subject:** Freedom to Read Week 2024

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You don't often get email from [jessie@marigold.ab.ca](mailto:jessie@marigold.ab.ca). [Learn why this is important](#)

Dear CAOs and Marigold Library System members,

The Marigold Library System Board has declared February 18 – 24, 2024, as **Freedom to Read Week**. We encourage all member municipalities to consider supporting intellectual freedom in Canada by joining Marigold in declaring your support for [Freedom to Read Week](#).

Attached is a memo that contains a proclamation that can be customized for your municipality.

All the best,



**MARIGOLD**  
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# FREEDOM TO READ PROCLAMATION

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FREEDOM TO READ WEEK  
SEMAINE DE LA LIBERTÉ D'EXPRESSION

CENSURE  
LIBERTÉ D'EXPRESSION  
ACCÈS À L'INFORMATION

CENSORSHIP  
FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION  
ACCESS TO INFORMATION

WHEREAS *Freedom to Read Week* is an initiative to promote literacy, tolerance, knowledge, and a love of reading among all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS the right to pursue the truth through free inquiry is essential to democratic decision-making;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read print on paper or online, is the essence of free inquiry;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read can never be taken for granted;

AND WHEREAS the freedom to read is under attack;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

the Council of \_\_\_\_\_ endorses the objectives of *Freedom to Read Week*, and recognizes, reaffirms, and defends the rights of the citizens of \_\_\_\_\_ individually to decide what they will or will not read; and calls on all residents to actively work to achieve these objectives, and in so doing ensure \_\_\_\_\_ continues to be a Freedom to Read zone in which the freedom to read and the right to seek information will not be violated.

NOW, THEREFORE I, \_\_\_\_\_

DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the week of February 18 – February 24, 2024, as

FREEDOM TO READ WEEK

in \_\_\_\_\_