



OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

March 18, 2024

Whereas, Fred Colby has steadfastly served as a Trustee for Poudre Libraries and overall champion of library services in our District since April 11, 2016, rising to the office of Vice President in April of 2019, and serving as President of the Board from April 2021–April 2023;

Whereas, Fred worked closely with library leadership during quarantine to nimbly adjust to the daily changes resulting from the COVID pandemic;

Whereas, Fred collaborated with leadership on new master and strategic plans, leading to the recent IGA, which will eventually result in a new southeast library location;

Whereas, Fred advocated (rightly) for the establishment of a development officer position;

Whereas, Fred represented the Library District at URA board meetings and served as a liaison to the Library Trust;

Whereas, Fred volunteered countless hours in searching for new executive directors—twice!— the second time chairing the search committee, hunting far and wide, and ultimately advocating successfully for the director next door; and

Whereas, Fred has shown dedication to our community through sharing his invaluable expertise as a financial steward, a mentor, and as a consistently friendly voice of wisdom for trustees and staff alike.

Now, Therefore, as President of the Poudre Libraries Board of Trustees, and on behalf of the board and the citizens of the Library District, I, Matt Schild, do hereby proclaim the following:

1. That Fred Colby is hereby officially commended for his outstanding community service to the citizens of Fort Collins and northern Colorado; and
2. That this Proclamation be presented to him to serve as a reminder that although he is retiring, he will be remembered as a committed, principled, and purposeful individual, dedicated to the Library District and the community as a whole; and
3. That a copy of this Proclamation be made a part of the official minutes of the Poudre Libraries Board of Trustees.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand to codify this proclamation.

Board of Trustees President

Date