

The Sanibel Public Library moved to its current location in July, 1994 and has a staff of 14 and boasts over 50 volunteers; and

WHEREAS: The original Sanibel Public Library was started by volunteers in the 1960's in a closet at the Community House and was run completely by volunteers for decades; and

WHEREAS: The Sanibel Public Library District was formed in 2006; and

WHEREAS: The Sanibel Public Library has more than just books. The Library offers dvd's, music cd's, downloadable books, magazines, fax service, notary service, public-use copy machines, public access computers and meeting rooms with Wi-Fi access throughout the building; and

WHEREAS: The Sanibel Public Library in eighteen years has gone from zero computers to over 2 dozen computers with a high speed internet (50MB) network connection and has had more than 1/4 million users; and

WHEREAS: The Sanibel Public Library was named "Best Of Southwest Florida" by Florida Weekly in 2012 and earned recognition for its stellar service and importance to the community with a 5-Star Library rating from Library Journal in 2011, it has won a 3-Star Library rating from Library Journal in 2010 and Trip Advisor has ranked the Sanibel Public Library #1 of 27 attractions in Sanibel Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin Ruane, Mayor of the City of Sanibel, Lee County Florida, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Sanibel, congratulate Sanibel Public Library for twenty years in its current location and express gratitude for their service to the Community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sanibel to be affixed hereto.