

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Andrew Bayne Memorial Library, located in Bellevue Borough, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year; in honor of this exciting milestone, anniversary celebrations will be held on May 16 & 17, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the library known and loved by residents is here today because of the generosity of two sisters; Jane Bayne Teece, daughter of Andrew Bayne, died in 1896 and left her property to her sister, Amanda Bayne Balph with the provision that after Amanda's death it would revert to the borough for a park and library; and

WHEREAS, the Andrew Bayne Memorial Library for many years was the home of Amanda Bayne Balph; her husband, a prominent architect, built the Victorian home in 1875; Amanda lived in the house after she was widowed until her passing in August 1912; and

WHEREAS, a Library Committee was formed, consisting of George F.P. Langfitt, A.E. Hummell and J.B. Arthur; this group, in May 1914, announced the opening of two rooms in the old home for use as a library; the library has since gone through extensive renovations: it was remodeled in the early 1960s, beautiful stained glass was added in 1997, and recently renovations have been done to house the more than 22,000 titles available; and

WHEREAS, libraries are at the heart of our communities and many offer classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers, early literacy programs, host community groups, and provide traditional as well as e-books; we are thankful for the wonderful resource that the Andrew Bayne Memorial Library has been for the past century to the residents of Allegheny County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby congratulate the Andrew Bayne Memorial Library on this exciting milestone anniversary and we look forward to its many more years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 17th day of May, 2014.

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