

Salt Lake County

A Joint Proclamation by the Salt Lake County Council and the Salt Lake County Mayor Honoring Jim Cooper and His Service as the Director of the Salt Lake County Library

WHEREAS, Salt Lake County takes great pride in celebrating individuals and organizations that contribute to the growth and vitality of our community; and

WHEREAS, the County Library’s dedication to making a positive difference in the lives of our community has contributed to Salt Lake County residents by inspiring imagination, satisfying curiosity, and providing a great place for everyone to visit; and

WHEREAS, the County Library is a prized community asset, providing early learning resources, support for school-aged children, lifelong learning opportunities, small business development, health and wellness education, entertainment, and nurturing knowledge and connections in Salt Lake County; and

WHEREAS, James Cooper, began his long history with the County Library 30 years ago as a board member, and 23 years ago as the Library Director and has made a significant impact on Salt Lake County’s access to learning, entertainment, and technology; and

WHEREAS, James Cooper recognized the community need for updated library services delivered throughout Salt Lake County and responded by having nine new library branches built and most existing branches renovated during his tenure, expanding access for residents in the south and west sides of the County; and

WHEREAS, James Cooper was instrumental in building a 21st-century library that integrated technology in how materials are available in the catalog and checked out by patrons, and ensured technology resources are available to all Salt Lake County residents; and

WHEREAS, James Cooper displays a vested interest in staff onboarding, ensuring Library employees know the Core Values of Salt Lake County through stories that demonstrate care for patrons, examples of staff respect and integrity, and striving for excellence with “One More Thing”; and

WHEREAS, today, we gather to honor James Cooper, an outstanding community member and Director of the County Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is with pleasure that I, Suzanne Harrison, Salt Lake County Councilmember, along with Jenny Wilson, Mayor of Salt Lake County, and Salt Lake County Councilmembers Ann Granato, Arlyn Bradshaw, Jim Bradley, and Aimee Winder Newton, do hereby join with our entire community in recognizing James Cooper, and urge all people of Salt Lake County to visit their local branch to see everything their libraries have to offer in making our community a great place.

Signed this 9th day of January, 2024.

Mayor Wilson

Council Member Winder Newton, Chair

Council Member Alvord, Vice Chair

Council Member Stringham

Council Member Harrison

Council Member Bradley

Council Member Bradshaw

Council Member Granato

Council Member Stewart

Council Member Theodore
