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On the occasion this week, the 10th through the 16th of April, 2011, is a celebration of Library Week at the Croton Free Library

Whereas, Mary Donnery, Director of the Croton Free Library, has served the community tirelessly and faithfully for twenty-five years from 1986 through 2011, and

Whereas, Mary Donnery is a beacon of professional expertise in both library science and public administration, and

Whereas, Mary Donnery's service included breaking in no fewer than fifteen different individuals as Presidents of the Library's Board of Trustees, including William Altman (1985—1988), Penny

Sandoval (1988-1989), Nyla Isele (1989-1992), David Lavalley (1992-1993), Cynthia Plater (1993-1994), Bruce Kauderer (1994-1995), Sally Kurts (1995-1997), Thomas Burniston (1997-1998), Hugh O'Neill (1998-1999), William Altman (1999-2003), Carolyn Whiting (2003-2004), Carl Barnes (2004-2005), James Harkins (2005-2006), Marc Cheshire (2006-2008), Tina Jordon (2008-2010), Rachel Bernstein (2010-present), and

Whereas, Mary Donnery's stewardship of Library resources and leadership of its staff has lead to consistently high annual circulation annual circulation figures, such as the 175,675 items borrowed in 2009, and

Whereas, Mary Donnery's leadership has taken the Library well beyond books to community programming and outreach, with dozens of groups using its rooms for meeting spaces, and over 8,500 community members attending its special programs, and

Whereas, Mary Donnery's service to the community has brought recognition and honor to our community,

I, Leo A. W. Wiegman, now therefore humbly proclaim, with the power vested in me by the State of New York as your Mayor of our Village of Croton-on-Hudson, that this week of the 10th through the 16th of April, 2011, shall be **Mary Donnery Week** in our Village, and

that our Village extends its eternal appreciation to Mary Donnery, for her gift to the Village of such a robust and multi-faceted community library, and

that our Village is a state of mind that enthusiastically embraces the commitment to work together to maintain this shining example of life-long learning in our cultural resources center that is otherwise well known and highly regarded as the Croton Free Library community under Mary Donnery's leadership.


Leo A. W. Wiegman, Mayor