

**PROCLAMATION
ROBERT HARRIS**

WHEREAS, Robert Harris began his career as a professional librarian in 1970 working at the Chicago Public Library and then went on to work for the Bartlett and Bellwood Libraries; and

WHEREAS, Robert Harris became Executive Director of the Helen Plum Memorial Library in 1989 and will retire on August 15, 2014 after 25 years of dedicated and professional service to the Library, the patrons and the community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Harris has sought to bring the Library from a building full of books and magazines to a well-rounded hub where information is available in all formats and can be accessed from outside the facility; and

WHEREAS, Robert Harris was instrumental in providing opportunities for patrons to meet experts, attend educational programs, learn new technologies and even find new things to read; and

WHEREAS, during his 25-year career at the Library, Robert Harris oversaw the Technical Processing Department renovation in 1992, an extensive first floor renovation in 1993, a complete interior renovation in 2009-2010 which created a Teen Area and quiet reading room, and the basement renovation in 2012 providing for modern audio-visual capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Robert Harris has contributed his time and expertise by serving as President of the Rotary, serving on the Chamber of Commerce Board, serving on the Tri-Town YMCA Board, serving on the Board of the Library Administrators Conference of Northern Illinois, served as Treasurer of the Illinois Library Association and served as President of the Chicago Library Club; and

WHEREAS, Robert Harris has been a strong advocate for libraries and has attended many lobby events in Springfield and Washington in an effort to promote legislation that would assist libraries throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Robert Harris is looking forward to his retirement, enjoying hobbies, taking classes for fun, spending time with his family, his three children, four grandchildren and his partner;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2014 as **ROBERT HARRIS DAY** in Lombard in appreciation for Bob's 25 years of dedication to the Library, residents and the Village of Lombard.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

