

Office of the Mayor

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# Proclamation

## *Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Tinton Falls Public Library*

**WHEREAS**, Fifty years ago, the Tinton Falls Library opened for business with a small group of volunteers, a borrowed building and 2000 books; and

**WHEREAS**, Today the Library's Main floor is 2290 sq. ft., it houses over 39019 items including 34, 251 books, 2158 DVDs, 116 magazines and 1483 CDs (music and audio books). There are books and/or DVDs in Spanish, French, Hebrew, German, Mandarin, Japanese, Italian, Russian and Korean, as well as instructional and documentary DVDs.; and

**WHEREAS**, The library holds seven programs for children from infants to high school every week. Currently, the library is presenting a video workshop for teens, a teen volunteer program, children's story times and crafts; and

**WHEREAS**, There is one full time staff member, Ellen O'Brien who holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Studies from Rutgers University. There are six part time staff members. Two of them have Master's degrees and three have teaching certificates; and

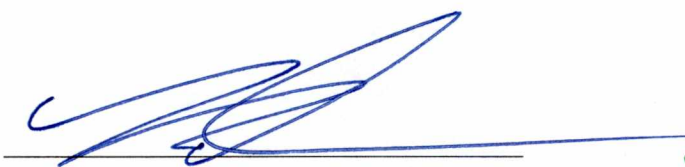
**WHEREAS**, In 2010, the library had over 25,000 visits from patrons. We have over 4,900 members. The library has three computers for public use and offers faxing, scanning and laminating services; and

**WHEREAS**, In our 2010 summer reading program, 291 children signed up. 2091 books were read to children ages 2-6 in the summer reading program. 75,000 pages were read by children in grades 6-8 in our summer reading program; and

**WHEREAS**, The Library will continue to expand with new technologies and community interests. While many things change, the basic concept of a library to serve the resident's information, recreation, cultural and social needs remains a constant; and

**WHEREAS**, On the 50th Anniversary of the Tinton Falls Public Library, it is fitting to recognize the staff and volunteers of the Tinton Falls Public Library for their hard work and dedication.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Borough Council of Tinton Falls that congratulations and thanks on behalf of the citizen of the Borough of Tinton Falls are extended to the staff and volunteers of the Tinton Falls Public Library on their 50th Anniversary.



*Mayor Michael Skudera*

Dated: February 15, 2011