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(Name of Library) Joins Library of Congress Bicentennial Celebration

(City, State)—The (Library), one of 2,500 federal libraries worldwide, salutes the Bicentennial of the Library of Congress (this/next month; this/next year) with a variety of events and programs in honor of the 200 year old institution, founded in January, 1800.

“We are proud to be a part of this worldwide celebration of history and knowledge,” said (Head Librarian). “Collectively, federal libraries have provided more than 200 years of public service, and we invite the community to join us in celebrating the valuable contributions of this library and all federal libraries during the special Bicentennial events taking place all (month/year) at (Library).”

Federal libraries -- libraries or information centers that are operated by the federal government -- form an information infrastructure that extends around the globe to serve federal workers and the American public. Located in all branches of the federal government and its independent agencies, they further their agencies’ missions by providing access to information where and when it is needed, using information technology to augment traditional services. Federal libraries, from the smallest one-person library to the vast collections of the Library of Congress, are keepers of the extended “national collection” of books, manuscripts, maps, pictorial records, scientific data, historical documents and rare materials. For example, this library has (describe significant collections).

Federal libraries are celebrating the Library of Congress Bicentennial with the theme, “Federal Libraries: A Record of Our Past, A Link to Our Future.” In addition to unveiling a commemorative Bicentennial bookmark and poster, (Library) will be conducting (list of planned activities, contests, receptions, exhibits, lectures, etc. that are taking place at Library). (Add quote/excerpt from agency head, civic official, library’s namesake or library holding.)

(Boilerplate information on Library, such as: (Library) is a part of the federal library network serving X audience with information on X and access to X. Established in X city in X year, (Library) houses a collection of X number of volumes on subjects ranging from X to X, and offers services including X and X.)

For further information on Bicentennial activities, call (include phone number of local library).

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