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On behalf of the Colorado Association of Libraries, I would like to congratulate Bulgarian libraries on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of National Library Week. We understand that this is also the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bulgarian Library and Information Association.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of a nation's libraries and librarians to the people and communities they serve. Your theme this year, *Libraries – A Place for Learning*, recognizes and promotes a role of all types of libraries in the critical area of educating a citizenry to live, lead, and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Colorado and Bulgaria have a long history of working together, dating back to the very successful ABLE project and partner libraries. We are pleased and proud that the work of ABLE helped lay the groundwork for the investment of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in Bulgarian Libraries.

We know the important services that a library association provides in the development of libraries by representing libraries to government leadership; providing training in forward-looking library services; advocating for libraries – and librarians – to receive support; and protecting the right of access to information. Through our experience with BLIA, we know how successful you are in playing this role.

Through our International Library and Cultural Exchange Interest Group, CAL and BLIA will continue to have a cooperative relationship. We look forward to working together again in the future.

Sincerely,

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President

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