



Proclamation

BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

School Library Month

- WHEREAS: School libraries are integral to a quality educational program supporting academic and social emotional growth; and
- WHEREAS: School libraries provide equitable access to current, accurate, and unbiased collections, including books and digital resources, to expand literacy and inquiry within and beyond the school; and
- WHEREAS: The school library offers an environment conducive to reading and learning, critical thinking, creative expression, investigation and research, and curriculum development and enhancement; and
- WHEREAS: Licensed school librarians play a vital role in the teaching, learning process, and professional growth through their work with both students and other teachers; and
- WHEREAS: School libraries provide learning activities designed to enhance reading engagement, a critical component to literacy development; and
- WHEREAS: School librarians hold the unique responsibility of supporting the freedom to read and encouraging our young citizens to both seek and receive information from all points of view.
- THEREFORE: I, Jill K. Underly, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, declare April 2024 as School Library Month to recognize school libraries and the valuable role school librarians hold in the education of our youth throughout the state of Wisconsin and encourage students and citizens to familiarize themselves with their library's readily available services.

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Jill K. Underly, PhD, State Superintendent

