



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
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Resolution in Recognition of School Library Month in New Jersey

Whereas, the month of April 2022 has been designated nationally as School Library Month by the American Association of School Librarians; and

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education recognizes the unique contributions of school libraries in providing materials that reflect equity, diversity and inclusion to meet the individual needs, varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students they serve; and

Whereas, school libraries provide open access to both print and digital collections that educate students on the ideas and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical and ethnic groups and their contributions to the American and world heritage and culture; and

Whereas, school libraries serves as a point of voluntary access to information and ideas and as a learning laboratory for students as they acquire critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will be needed for their future in a pluralistic society; and

Whereas, school libraries provide resources and a physical space that nurture the social and emotional needs of students, which helps them feel safe and included; and

Whereas, school library media specialists provide opportunities for students to develop an appreciation of literature and recreational reading honoring students' right to read; and

Whereas, school library media specialists collaborate with teachers to integrate instructional activities designed to equip students to bridge the digital divide and to utilize the power of the Internet to locate, evaluate, and use a broad range of ideas effectively; and

Whereas, school library media specialists provide instruction in information literacy to help students to discern between misinformation, disinformation and malinformation, which prepares them to participate in a democratic society; and

Whereas, school libraries and school library media specialists are instrumental in helping schools districts to not only meet New Jersey Student Learning Standards, but also to fully prepare New Jersey students for postsecondary success; and

Whereas, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school libraries and the role of school library media specialists in ensuring that all students in New Jersey have equitable access to a high-quality education and are able to achieve academic success; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognize April 2022 as School Library Month in New Jersey.

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