



State of New Jersey  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution  
April 2, 2025

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

**Whereas**, the month of April 2025 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 that information literacy skills are necessary and essential for students to become active, informed citizens and contributing members of local, state, national, and global communities; and

**Whereas**, school librarians provide information literacy instruction so that students learn to think critically to make informed decisions, and create and share knowledge in preparation for postsecondary success; and

**Whereas**, school libraries are the heart of their schools, promoting literacy, equity, diversity and inclusion and serving as a center for voluntary inquiry through open access to resources to foster students' growth and development; and

**Whereas**, school library media specialists provide literature appreciation activities, as well as guide and encourage content and recreational reading honoring students' right to read; and

**Whereas**, school library media specialists work collaboratively with all content areas promoting activities with the goal of increasing literacy rates and students' academic success; and

**Whereas**, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school libraries and the role of certified school library media specialists recognizing their professionalism, honor, work ethic and performance as trusted information professionals; now, therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize April 2025 as School Library Month in New Jersey.

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Kevin Dehmer, Commissioner  
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

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