



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
April 5, 2023

Resolution in Recognition of School Library Month in New Jersey

Whereas, the month of April 2023 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 value of school libraries in contributing to the individual growth and development of all students, while fostering both excellence and equity in education; and

Whereas, school libraries provide open access to both print and digital collections that empower students by promoting curiosity, independent thinking, and respect for others; and

Whereas, school libraries are a safe place for students tending to their social and emotional needs by providing not only resources but also a physical space for students; and

Whereas, school library media specialists collaborate with teachers to integrate instructional activities designed to bridge the learning loss created by the COVID pandemic; 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 provide instruction in information literacy teaching students to locate and evaluate a broad range of ideas to be able to utilize information for specific purposes using traditional resources and new technologies; and

Whereas, school library media specialists encourage students to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills as part of information literacy instruction; and

Whereas, school libraries and certified school library media specialists are key educators in helping school districts to meet New Jersey Student Learning Standards and helping students to be successful in future postsecondary endeavors; 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 in ensuring equitable access to a comprehensive education for all students in New Jersey; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Acting Commissioner of Education recognize April 2023 as School Library Month in New Jersey.

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