



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Adoption Resolution
April 8, 2026

Resolution in Recognition of School Library Month In New Jersey

Whereas, the month of April 2026 has been designated nationally as School Library Month by the American Association of School Librarians; and

Whereas, the New Jersey State Board of Education values the role that certified school library media specialists play in the collaborative process of literacy and learning; and

Whereas, the school library media specialist's role is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the school library is an integral part of the instructional program of the school, allowing opportunities for learning and innovation; and

Whereas, school library media specialists assist with literacy development to raise literacy rates by inspiring students to develop a lifelong love of reading; and

Whereas, school libraries provide materials allowing for free expression and access to ideas meeting the individual needs, varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served; and

Whereas, school library media specialists connect students and staff to ideas and knowledge by providing instruction in information literacy and teaching students to utilize information for specific purposes using traditional resources and emerging technologies; and

Whereas, school library media specialists teach students how to locate and evaluate a broad range of ideas with the goal of students developing critical thinking and problem solving skills as part of information literacy instruction; and

Whereas, it is both fitting and proper that special recognition be given to school libraries and the contributions of certified school library media specialists in meeting the New Jersey Department of Education's mission to ensure that all students have equitable access to a high-quality education and achieve academic excellence; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the New Jersey State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education recognize April 2026 as School Library Month in New Jersey.

Dr. Lily Laux, Commissioner
Secretary, N.J. State Board of Education

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