

WHEREAS; school library programs provide access to a wide variety of essential educational materials and play a vital role in literacy and learning; and

WHEREAS; reading is core to personal and academic competency, and as literacy leaders, school librarians promote the importance of reading, as well as reading proficiency, to support the academic success of all learners; and

WHEREAS; data show record increases in book-banning legislation and efforts across the country—including in Wisconsin—where more than 400 titles of unique books were challenged to be retained, restricted, or revoked from school and public libraries in 2023; and

WHEREAS; school libraries strive to develop and maintain programs and collections that are as unique as the populations they serve and work diligently to ensure equity of access for all by offering opportunities for students to explore new worlds and become their best, most successful selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational resources; and

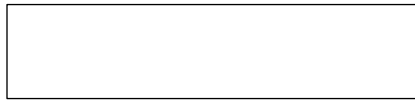
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating school libraries and the role of school librarians in providing a high-quality education to students across the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29th day of March 2024.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State