

WHEREAS; school libraries and programs led by professional school librarians play a vital role in literacy and learning, help students become more engaged and well-rounded, and are linked with higher academic achievement levels; and

WHEREAS; school library programs provide Wisconsin's students with the skills they will need to access and use information throughout their lives, contributing to a lifelong interest in learning and the development of 21st century skills that will prepare them for higher education and careers in the global economy; and

WHEREAS; school library programs provide access to a wide variety of essential educational materials, including books, magazines, digital resources, online resources and information databases, and the technology and instructional expertise needed to utilize these resources effectively and responsibly; and

WHEREAS; the full potential of school libraries is dependent upon trained professional school librarians whose varied skills assist and support teachers and students in using this wide range of information resources; and

WHEREAS; throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Wisconsin's school libraries and their staff have met the challenge of supporting teachers and students as they navigate distance learning and adapt to using technology in new ways; 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 throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2021 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 31st day of March 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State