

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

WHEREAS; school library programs provide Wisconsin's students with the tools 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 variety of essential educational materials, including books, magazines, digital resources, and online databases, along with the technology and instructional expertise needed to utilize these resources effectively and responsibly; and

WHEREAS; the full potential of school libraries is dependent upon the knowledgeable and skilled professional school librarians and staff who assist teachers and students, alike, in taking full advantage of the wide range of resources available to them; and

WHEREAS; over the course of the coronavirus pandemic, in particular, Wisconsin's school libraries, librarians, and staff have met the challenge of supporting teachers and students as they have navigated distance learning and adapted 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 across our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2022 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State