

ILF Proclamation in Honor of National School Library Month

Whereas, school libraries are dynamic, vibrant centers of learning that lie at the heart of our schools, where discovery, inquiry, and academic growth come alive for every student; and

Whereas, school librarians are highly trained, dedicated educators who foster a lifelong love of reading, teach critical thinking and information literacy skills, and empower students to become responsible and discerning digital citizens; and

Whereas, school libraries provide equitable access to a wide range of resources—including books, technology, and digital tools—that enrich classroom learning, fuel curiosity, and deepen students' understanding of the world around them; and

Whereas, school libraries create welcoming, inclusive, and safe environments that encourage collaboration, support personalized learning, and help all students thrive academically and socially; and

Whereas, school librarians play an essential role in advancing literacy, nurturing intellectual curiosity, and preparing Indiana's students for success in college, careers, and civic life; and

Whereas, library assistants and paraprofessionals support school libraries and student book access and should also be recognized and thanked; and

Whereas, the month of April is nationally recognized as School Library Month, a time to honor and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of school libraries and the professionals who lead them;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Indiana Library Federation proudly recognizes April as **School Library Month** and encourages all citizens to acknowledge the vital role school libraries and school librarians play in educating and inspiring Indiana's young people.

Let us take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation for their invaluable service and lasting impact on our communities.