
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2024 as "National School Library
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National School Library Month" is the American
4 Association of School Librarians' celebration of school
5 librarians and school libraries; and

6 WHEREAS, School libraries provide access to a wide array of
7 resources and a place where learners are encouraged to explore
8 questions of personal and academic relevance; and

9 WHEREAS, School libraries promote literacy skills and
10 independent learning while fostering a love of reading that is
11 necessary for lifelong learning; and

12 WHEREAS, School libraries provide communication tools and
13 resources to provide and learn from constructive feedback to
14 create a stronger foundation for future economic success and
15 stability; and

16 WHEREAS, School libraries provide materials to meet
17 individual needs and varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic

1 backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served; and

2 WHEREAS, School libraries serve as positive environments for
3 all students to access and engage with a well-managed library
4 that provides for free expression and access to ideas; and

5 WHEREAS, School libraries provide resources and activities
6 for learning that represent a diversity of experiences, opinions
7 and social and cultural perspectives to support the concept that
8 intellectual freedom and access to information are effective for
9 responsible citizenship; and

10 WHEREAS, The full potential of school libraries is dependent
11 upon well-trained professional school librarians whose varied
12 skills assist other educators, learners and families using a
13 variety of information resources in diverse formats; and

14 WHEREAS, The school librarian's role is to provide the
15 leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the school
16 library is an integral part of the instructional program of the
17 school; and

18 WHEREAS, It is important to recognize school libraries and
19 qualified school librarians for the vital role they play in
20 creating an inclusive and relevant academic environment
21 throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
23 month of April 2024 as "National School Library Month" in
24 Pennsylvania.