



**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PROCLAMATION  
APRIL 2024**

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**SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, April 2024 has been designated national School Library Month; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries provide materials for teachers and students that will encourage growth and knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries provide materials that will develop literary, cultural, aesthetic appreciation, and ethical standards; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries provide materials which reflect the ideas and beliefs of religious, social, political, historical and ethnic groups and their contributions to the American and world heritage and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries provide books to encourage children to read for pleasure; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries provide materials to meet individual needs, varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries teach digital literacy, the ability to use information technologies to find, evaluate, create, and communicate information, and how to evaluate the validity of information online while keeping our children safe in their online activities.

**WHEREAS**, school libraries are a fun place for students to go and all students deserve a well-managed library to provide for free expression and access to ideas;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the KGBSD Board of Education declare the month of April 2023 as "School Library Month."

Dated this 10th day of April 2024

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By Stephen Bradford, President,  
Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education