



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH**

**2024**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, school libraries promote literacy, foster an enjoyment of reading, and help students develop the skills they need to access and evaluate information; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries serve as invaluable resources that provide both mirrors and windows for students in our schools, reflecting their own experiences, cultures, and identities while also offering glimpses into the diverse perspectives and realities of others, thereby fostering empathy, understanding, and inclusivity among learners; and

**WHEREAS**, school libraries offer educational activities designed to enhance reading motivation, establish the information literacy skills necessary for lifelong learning, and promote competency in new and developing technologies; and

**WHEREAS**, the full potential of school libraries is dependent upon certified professional school librarians whose varied skills support administrators, teachers, and students in effectively engaging a wide range of teaching and learning technologies and information resources; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize school libraries and qualified school librarians for the vital role they play in creating an inclusive and relevant academic environment throughout the state of North Carolina, including the availability of carefully curated school library collections; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Cooper has proclaimed 2024 the Year of Public Schools, underscoring their importance in our society, and the State of North Carolina proudly recognizes the hard work of school library staff and the contributions school libraries make to fostering a life-long interest in learning for students across our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER**, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April, 2024, as “**SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



**Roy Cooper**  
Governor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-eighth.