



# Proclamation

## By the Governor of Alabama

*WHEREAS, school libraries and librarians are essential for developing and promoting lifelong reading and learning; and*

*WHEREAS, school libraries encourage learners to think and access resources that address topics important to them and their families; and*

*WHEREAS, school libraries encourage learners to consume information and create content that contributes to solutions, interests and the education of others; and*

*WHEREAS, school libraries foster information literacy by equipping learners with the skills to evaluate, analyze and ethically use information in an increasingly complex digital world; and*

*WHEREAS, school libraries' full potential depends upon well-trained professional school librarians whose varied skills assist other educators, learners and families in effectively using various information resources; and*

*WHEREAS, promoting competencies in new and developing technologies is an integral part of school libraries; and*

*WHEREAS, school libraries provide access to educational resources in various formats to support academic and personal growth;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 2025, as*

# *School Library Month*

*in the state of Alabama.*



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2025.*

*Kay Ivey*

*Kay Ivey, Governor*