

# PROCLAMATION

## School Library Month

- WHEREAS: April 2023 has been designated as the annual National School Library Month with the theme Making Connections @ Your School Library ®; and
- WHEREAS: The teacher-librarians and library media assistants of DeKalb County have dedicated themselves to work for quality library programs for all students; and
- WHEREAS: The Board of Education has entrusted the teacher-librarian in each school to teach the skills of locating and using information through traditional resources and new technologies, to provide literature appreciation activities, and to guide and encourage content and recreational reading to every student; and
- WHEREAS: Library media centers promote intellectual freedom by providing materials to meet individual needs, varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds and maturity levels of the students served, while fostering both excellence and equity in education; and
- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County School District recognizes Ms. Sarah Sansbury of Montclair Elementary as Library Media Specialist of the Year (LMSOTY) 2023. Her leadership is evidenced by her collaboration with teachers and community partners, integration of technology into instruction, and celebration of student reading; and
- WHEREAS: On Saturday, January 28, 2023, 61 elementary, middle and high school teams competed in the 24th annual DeKalb County School District's Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl competition at Miller Grove High School. Of the six first and second place teams who advanced to the Regional competition, Lakeside High School advanced to the State competition and won the State competition on Saturday, March 18, 2023.
- THEREFORE: By this action, let it be known that the DeKalb County Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2023 as School Library Month in the public schools of DeKalb County and calls upon school administrators, teachers, and citizens of DeKalb County to recognize and support this action and to participate throughout the month of April in celebration of School Library Month. It is so proclaimed and in official recognition whereof, we hereby affix our signatures, this 17th day of April 2023.





Mr. Dijon DaCosta Sr., Board Chair



Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Vice Chair



Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent