



PROCLAMATION

School Library Month

- WHEREAS: April 2025 has been designated as the annual National School Library Month with the theme Excellence is Our Story: School Libraries Leading the Way; and
- WHEREAS: The school library media program's mission is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information; and
- WHEREAS: The teacher-librarians and library media assistants of DeKalb County have dedicated themselves to work for quality school library media programs for all students; and
- WHEREAS: The teacher-librarians teach the skills of locating and using information through traditional resources and new technologies, provide literature appreciation activities, and encourage content and recreational reading to every student; and
- WHEREAS: School library media programs promote intellectual freedom by providing materials to meet the needs, interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and maturity levels of all students served, while fostering excellence and equity in education; and
- WHEREAS: The DeKalb County School District recognizes Ms. Tracie Harden of Clarkston High School as the 2025 Library Media Specialist of the Year (LMSOTY). 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 25, 2025, 71 elementary, middle, and high school teams were registered to compete in the 26th Annual DeKalb County School District's Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl competition held in-person at Arabia Mountain High School. Of the six DeKalb first and second place teams who advanced to the Metro Regional competition, Kittredge Magnet School and Lakeside High School advanced to the State competition held on Saturday, March 22, 2025.
- THEREFORE: By this action, let it be known that the DeKalb County Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2025 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 21st day of April 2025.



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