

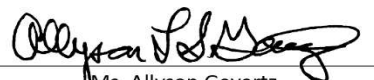


PROCLAMATION

School Library Month, April 2026

- WHEREAS:** April 2026 has been designated as the annual National School Library Month with the theme Excellence is Our Story: School Libraries Leading the Way, highlighting the mission of school library media programs to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information through traditional and emerging technologies; and
- WHEREAS:** The teacher-librarians and library media assistants of DeKalb County work to provide high-quality school library media programs, teaching students to locate and use information, promoting literature appreciation, fostering recreational and content-based reading, and ensuring intellectual freedom by offering materials that meet diverse needs, interests, abilities, backgrounds, and maturity levels of all students; and
- WHEREAS:** The DeKalb County School District recognizes outstanding leadership and excellence in library services, including Mrs. Shaina Gilley, the 2026 Library Media Specialist of the Year, whose work demonstrates strong collaboration, technology integration, and celebration of student reading; and Ms. Sheveeta Bonner, the 2026 GLMA Administrator of the Year, whose leadership is evidenced through her support of library personnel, reading engagement, celebrations, collaborations, and partnerships; and
- WHEREAS:** On Saturday, February 7, 2026, 62 teams- 44 elementary, 8 middle, and 10 high schools- participated in the 27th annual Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl at Southwest DeKalb High School, with Kittredge Magnet School and Chamblee High School advancing from the Metro Regional to the State Competition on March 21, 2026, demonstrating the district's continued commitment to literacy and academic excellence;
- THEREFORE:** By this action, let it be known that the DeKalb County Board of Education hereby proclaims April 2026 as **School Library Month** in the public schools of DeKalb County and calls upon administrators, teachers, and citizens to recognize, support, and participate in this celebration throughout the month of April. It is so proclaimed, and in official recognition whereof, we affix our signatures this 20th day of April 2026.




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