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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING APRIL 2026, AS "SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators McKenney, Gallo, Vargas, Patalano, Tikoian, Appollonio,
Rogers, Famiglietti, Lauria, and Valverde

Date Introduced: April 14, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, School librarians grow an individual's literacy and communication skills to
2 create a stronger foundation for academic and personal success; and

3 WHEREAS, School libraries provide students access to books, especially books that
4 reflect their own lives and experiences, and open their world to history and people who are
5 different from themselves; and

6 WHEREAS, School librarians nurture an individual's ability to think critically, organize
7 information, and connect their learning to the real world; and

8 WHEREAS, School librarians encourage learners to not only consume information
9 safely, but also to create content that contributes to solutions, interests, and the education of
10 others; and

11 WHEREAS, School librarians encourage learners to engage as digital citizens, who
12 participate ethically, appropriately, and critically in our digitally-mediated world; and

13 WHEREAS, School librarians play a critical role in the teaching and learning processes
14 that are relevant, accessible, and varied to meet the diverse needs and abilities of learners; and

15 WHEREAS, The full potential of school libraries is dependent upon well-trained,
16 professional school librarians whose varied skills assist other educators, learners, and families to
17 effectively evaluate and use a variety of information resources in diverse formats; now, therefore
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby proclaims April 2026,

1 as "School Library Month" in the State of Rhode Island and urges all citizens in recognizing
2 school libraries for the critical services they provide to our learners, and for the positive impact
3 they have on student achievement; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the School Librarians of Rhode Island (SLRI)
6 and the Rhode Island Library Association (RILA).

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