

**Arkansas State Board of Education
Resolution**

WHEREAS, The Arkansas State Board of Education believes the mission of the school library program is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information; and

WHEREAS, The Arkansas State Board of Education believes the school librarian's role is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the library program is an integral part of the instructional program of the school; and

WHEREAS, The Arkansas State Board of Education has entrusted the school 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, Lifelong learning begins and is systematically developed through the school library curriculum of Arkansas elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, The school library program contributes to the individual growth and development of all students, while fostering both excellence and equity in education; and

WHEREAS, The school librarians of Arkansas have dedicated themselves to work for quality library programs for all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

We, the members of the Arkansas State Board of Education,
recognize the month of April 2016, as School Library Month.

Toyce Newton
Toyce Newton, Chair

March 10, 2016
Date

Johnny Key
Johnny Key, Ex Officio Secretary

March 10, 2016
Date

