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To: Principals of Schools

**RE: Proclamation – Manitoba School Library Day**

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to proclaim October 24, 2011 as Manitoba School Library Day. The theme of the day is "Your Library: A Place Unbound."

School libraries in Manitoba function as information-rich centres supporting inquiry and research in schools. They are active learning centres that provide instruction and access to a wide range of resources locally and globally. School libraries also foster student achievement and collaboration as well as the growth of traditional collections and electronic databases for the purpose of curriculum implementation in schools.

In celebration of Manitoba School Library Day, I encourage your school to participate in the "Drop Everything and Read" challenge sponsored by the Manitoba School Library Association. This association, which is dedicated to improving the quality of school libraries in Manitoba, is challenging all students and educators to read for twenty minutes at 11:00 a.m. on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached poster on how to register your school for this event.

My hope is that by celebrating Manitoba School Library Day it will provide teachers and students with an opportunity to acknowledge the important role school libraries play in the academic and cultural lives of our students.

Please use this proclamation as you see fit and help us to celebrate and support school libraries in Manitoba.

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NANCY ALLAN

**Attachments**

c: Superintendents of Schools  
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