



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

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To: Superintendents of School Divisions
Directors of First Nations Education Authorities
Manitoba School for the Deaf
Principals of Funded Independent Schools
Student Services Administrators

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to proclaim October 27, 2025, as Manitoba School Library Day. The theme of the day is **“Dear School Library”**.

Annually on the fourth Monday of October, this day celebrates the important role of school libraries. Through instruction and access to a variety of resources, school libraries enhance student learning and achievement, support curriculum implementation, and promote a lifelong love of learning, fostering essential skills such as literacy, inquiry, critical and creating thinking, and collaboration. By creating safe and inclusive spaces, they encourage students to explore, question, learn and grow. This year’s theme, “Dear School Library”, invites us to reflect on the many positive ways school libraries impact students and educators.

This year, the Manitoba School Library Association encourages all students and educators to participate in the “Drop Everything and Read” challenge - to read for twenty minutes at 11 a.m. on October 27, 2025.

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Manitoba School Library Day provides educators and students with an opportunity to acknowledge the important role school libraries play in the education and development of our students.

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

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Honourable Tracy Schmidt
Minister
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Attachment

- c. Board Chairs of School Divisions
Principals of Public Schools
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Niki Card, President, Manitoba School Library Association