



Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

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

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to proclaim October 26, 2026, as **Manitoba School Library Day**. The theme of the day is “**School Libraries Shine!**”.

Held annually on the fourth Monday of October, Manitoba School Library Day recognizes the vital role school libraries play in student success. Through instruction and equitable access to diverse resources, they enhance learning, support curriculum implementation, and inspire a lifelong passion for reading and learning. School libraries help students develop essential skills, including literacy, critical and creative thinking, inquiry, and collaboration, that contribute to success in school and beyond. They also provide welcoming, inclusive spaces where students feel represented, connected, and empowered to explore their interests and reach their full potential.

In celebration of Manitoba School Library Day, I encourage schools 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 a.m. on October 26, 2026.

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By celebrating Manitoba School Library Day, educators and students have an opportunity to acknowledge the lasting impact school libraries have on student achievement, well-being, and engagement.

Please share this proclamation as you see fit and join us in celebrating and supporting school libraries in Manitoba.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Honourable Tracy Schmidt
Minister
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Attachment

- c. Board Chairs, School Divisions
Michelle Carlos and Michelle Barclay, Co-Presidents, Manitoba School Library Association