



## Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning

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

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to proclaim October 28, 2024, as Manitoba School Library Day. The theme of the day is “Speak Up for School Libraries”.

School libraries in Manitoba provide important library collections that support and reflect the diversity of school communities. They create safe, accessible, and inclusive spaces where students are encouraged to explore, question, learn and grow. These dynamic learning centres support literacy, inquiry, collaboration, critical and creative thinking, and research, and also help students develop the knowledge and skills to be active, caring citizens. Through instruction and access to traditional and digital resources they enhance student learning and achievement, support curriculum implementation, and help to create a lifelong love of learning.

Manitoba School Library Day is an opportunity for schools to participate in the “Drop Everything and Read” challenge sponsored by the Manitoba School Library Association. This association, which is dedicated to promoting the importance of school libraries in Manitoba, is challenging all students and educators to read for twenty minutes at 11 a.m. on October 28, 2024. I encourage all schools to join in this reading challenge. For more information, please go to [www.manitobaschoollibraries.ca](http://www.manitobaschoollibraries.ca).

The celebration of Manitoba School Library Day provides teachers, students and parents with an opportunity to acknowledge the important role school libraries play in the academic and cultural lives of our students.

Please share this proclamation throughout your school community and help us to celebrate and support school libraries in Manitoba.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by*

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Attachment

- c. Board Chairs, School Divisions  
Independent and International Education Unit