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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

TO PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF APRIL AS SCHOOL LIBRARY  
MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

### Subtitle

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LIBRARY MONTH IN ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the American Library Association announced the first National Library Week in 1958 and the first national school library month in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the first systematically organized library was founded in the 7th century B.C. by Assyrian ruler Ashurbanipal in Nineveh, in contemporary Iraq and it contained approximately thirty thousand (30,000) cuneiform tablets sorted by subject; and

WHEREAS, libraries are great repositories of knowledge and the goal of libraries is to collect knowledge and distribute it for its use in everyday life; and

WHEREAS, libraries are full of stories in a variety of formats from picture books to large print, audiobooks to e-books, and more; and

WHEREAS, school libraries and librarians provide another space for children to learn and can help students navigate the internet, offer a quiet area for students to study, and encourage students to read; and

WHEREAS, as learning becomes virtual and students can access learning media anywhere they have an internet connection, school librarians show the



students how to safely access and use school resources from home or another space that has an internet connection; and

WHEREAS, while students are typically the ones utilizing the resources the school library has to offer, well-trained librarians are expert researchers and can provide teachers with research tools and educational resources; and

WHEREAS, librarians that work with teachers provide resources to complement lessons in the classroom with displays and other resources in the library; and

WHEREAS, the school library can be a hub of communal activity for the school; and

WHEREAS, despite the convenience of the internet, students still like to physically visit a library and spend time among books and other readers; and

WHEREAS, this year's National Library Week will be celebrated with the theme "There's More to the Story",

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the House of Representatives proclaim the month of April as School Library Month in Arkansas.