

Michigan Library Appreciation Month October 2023

Proclamation

Whereas, the Michigan Library Association (MLA) annually designates the month of October as a statewide observance to celebrate the contributions of Michigan's public, school, academic, tribal, cooperative and special libraries;

WHEREAS, Michigan's libraries are essential institutions that serve as cornerstones of knowledge, learning, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a vital role in fostering education, lifelong learning, and literacy for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide a welcoming and inclusive environment that encourages exploration, discovery, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, libraries offering access to a diverse array of resources including books, digital media, educational programs, and technology; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a significant role in promoting the right to read and the right to access information, enabling individuals to make informed decisions and engage in open discourse; and

WHEREAS, libraries provide essential services to underserved communities, bridging the digital divide and offering critical support for job seekers, students, and individuals seeking to improve their lives; and

Whereas, hundreds of libraries and millions of library supporters across Michigan are celebrating Michigan Library Appreciation Month this October;

Now, therefore, I, Gretchen Whitmer, Governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as Michigan Library Appreciation Month. During this time, I encourage all residents, community organizations, and public officials to join in celebrating the libraries in our state, their dedicated staff, and the countless ways in which libraries enrich our lives and contribute to the betterment of society.