



**ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROCLAMATION**



SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH – APRIL 2025

WHEREAS, April 2025 marks the 40th annual School Library Month, a celebration established by the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) in 1985 to recognize the essential role of school libraries and librarians in fostering student learning, literacy, and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, school libraries are vital to student learning, providing access to diverse resources, technology, and opportunities that support academic achievement, creativity, and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, school libraries serve as positive environments for all students to access and engage with a well-managed library that provides free expression and access to ideas;

WHEREAS, school libraries serve as inclusive, welcoming spaces that promote equity, exploration, and innovation for all students; and

WHEREAS, Orange Unified proudly acknowledges and appreciates the dedication of all our school library staff, Certificated Library Media Specialists and Classified Library Media Technicians II, who provide invaluable support in cultivating curiosity, fostering critical thinking, and encouraging a lifelong love of reading among students; and

WHEREAS, school library professionals play an essential role in fostering critical thinking, digital literacy, and a lifelong love of reading by guiding students in research, information evaluation, and responsible media literacy use; and

WHEREAS, school library professionals collaborate with educators to enhance instruction, support curriculum goals, and ensure students develop the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education recognizes the invaluable contributions of school library professionals in creating engaging learning environments, curating high-quality collections, and advocating for strong school library programs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Orange Unified hereby proclaims April 2025 as School Library Month. We encourage school administrators, teachers, students, and community members to celebrate and support our school libraries and to recognize the outstanding efforts of our school library professionals in shaping the future of education.

Dated this 12th day of March 2025

Kris Erickson, Board President

Andrea Yamasaki, Vice President

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Stephen Glass, Board Member

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