

## BOARD AGENDA ITEM

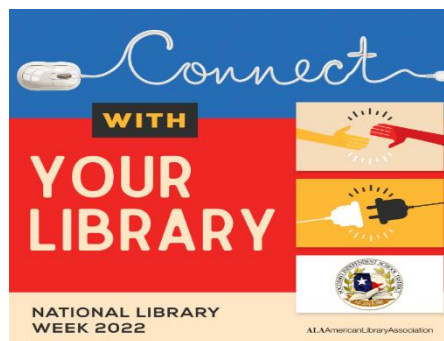
<b>Topic:</b> School Library Month Proclamation  <b>Requested By:</b> Hector Reyna, CTO Marcy Sparks, Library Services Coordinator <b>Division Approval:</b> Dr. Nate Carman, Superintendent of Schools	<b>Board Meeting Date Requested:</b> <u>March 22, 2022</u> <b>Approximate Time For: Presentation:</b> <u>10 min.</u> <b>Discussion:</b> _____ <b>Reading Material:</b> <b>Attached</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____ <b>Not Necessary</b> _____
<b>Action Requested:</b> Board approval	<b>Action Needed by:</b> _____ <b>Information Only:</b> _____
<b>People Participating In Presentation (If Other Than Cabinet Members):</b>  SISD's 2022 Librarian of the Year + Nathan De La Torre, 5 <sup>th</sup> grade student from Desert Wind School	<b>Who Has Been Involved? (List)</b>  Marcy Sparks, Library Services Coordinator
<b>How Will It Benefit The District's Mission/Goals?</b> To improve parental and community involvement through district acknowledgement of the importance of school libraries to student learning.	<b>How Will Request Be Financed?</b> No cost to the District  <b>Cost To District:</b> No cost to the District

**Summary of Topic (Need, Program Description, Recommendation, Timeline)**

Administration recommends consideration and approval of the item as presented.

This April, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) will observe the 37th Anniversary of School Library Month (SLM). School Library Month is celebrated in conjunction with National Library Week (April 3-9). Every April, school librarians are encouraged to create activities to help their school and local community celebrate the essential role that strong school library programs play in transforming learning. The theme for National Library Week in 2022 “Connect with your Library.” It was chosen to spotlight libraries as places to get connected to broadband, computers, and other technology resources. It reinforces the idea that libraries are places to connect with media, programs, ideas – and, of course, books! Likewise, libraries connect communities to each other.

It is our intention to acknowledge the importance of School Libraries by the Socorro Independent School District through a proclamation.



**Attachments (List):** Proclamation

**Action Taken:**

**Follow-up Responsibility:**

**Submit Ten (10) Days Before Board Meeting**

# PROCLAMATION

## SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH – APRIL 2022

- WHEREAS,** lifelong learning begins and is systematically developed through the school library curriculum of the elementary and secondary schools; and
- WHEREAS,** the school library program is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information; and
- WHEREAS,** school libraries provide digital and print books to encourage children to read for pleasure; and
- WHEREAS,** the school librarian's role is to provide the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the library program is an integral part of the instructional program of the school that fosters both excellence and equity in education; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of Education has entrusted the school librarian in each school to teach the skills of locating and using information through traditional resources and new technologies, to provide literature appreciation activities, and to guide and encourage content and recreational reading to every student; and
- WHEREAS,** school libraries are a fun community for students to belong and all students deserve a well-managed library to provide for free expression and access to ideas;
- WHEREAS,** the school librarians of Socorro Independent School District have dedicated themselves to work for quality library programs for all students;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 2022 as School Library Month in all of their public schools and calls upon school administrators, teachers, students and the community of Socorro Independent School District to recognize and support this action and to participate throughout the month of April in the celebration of School Library Month.

Approved on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022

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David O. Morales, Board President

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Dr. Nate Carman, Superintendent of Schools



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