

G.4a PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING APRIL 2009
AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH

WHEREAS, The school libraries in our Fayette County Public Schools are wondrous places where books come to life, children grow to love reading and information is available to everyone who seeks it; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are modern community centers for education, information, and entertainment and play a vital role in providing all citizens with the resources they need to live, learn, and work in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, School media specialists and library support staff bring our students a world of knowledge in person and online, and provide personal service and expert assistance in finding what is needed, when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, Libraries are changing and dynamic places and our school media specialists are incomparable search engines, helping students and teachers find and interpret the information they need in print and online; and

WHEREAS, In a world that's information rich, our media specialists are information smart and help our students and teachers sift through the abundance of information to find the most relevant and accurate sources; and

WHEREAS, libraries are places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning, and because they offer free access to all, they bring opportunity to all.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the members of the Fayette County Board of Education hereby join the rest of the nation in celebrating April 2009 as School Library Media Month and encourage all students and teachers to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available in our schools and in the community at large.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the members of the school board express their deep appreciation to all of our school media specialists and library support staff for all they do to as integral members of the "It's About Kids" team to make information available to all who walk through the library doors.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation be spread on the official minutes of the Board of Education.