

GEORGIA LIBRARY DAY

WHEREAS: Libraries are places of opportunity and lifelong learning for everyone, and offer an environment filled with resources to explore. They provide citizens with the knowledge and information they need to live, learn and work in the 21st Century; and

WHEREAS: Public, academic, school, governmental and specialized libraries in Georgia provide excellent and invaluable service to library users regardless of age, ethnicity or socioeconomic background in every county in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Librarians and library support staff provide knowledgeable support in person and online, as well as personal service and expert assistance in finding what is needed when it is needed; and

WHEREAS: Libraries play an active role in building the community by offering a place where people may learn together, by preserving local history and heritage, by opening their doors to civic organization and community meetings, by hosting programs and exhibits that introduce new cultures, perspectives and ideas, and by providing free internet access to every community; and

WHEREAS: Libraries provide access to books and technology to children in their schools and communities whereas they would not have access otherwise. Schools with professional school librarians have higher achievement scores than those without; and

WHEREAS: Georgia's libraries provide unparalleled access to information and materials through the nationally-recognized and award-winning GALILEO and PINES resource-sharing programs, used by Georgians of all ages; now

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the state of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2010, as LIBRARY DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand ten.