

To: House Education Committee  
From: Suzanne Jordan, School Librarian  
Support Bill #: S2078 The School Libraries Act

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

I am a school librarian at Myron J. Francis Elementary School in East Providence. I am also a Providence resident whose children have gone through Providence Public Schools. I am writing to express my strong support for the S2078 School Libraries Act. I wanted to share some of the important things happening in our school library this week.

- 7242 books checked out so far this year to students and teachers.
- 542 books currently checked out to students and teachers.
- Grade 5 - Fact or fiction podcast creation in Canva using research
- Grade 4 - Learning U.S. and world geography using atlas reference materials
- Grade 3 - Digital biography poster creation in Canva using research
- Grade 2 - Literature & STEM - listening to story and building hibernation shelters for animals
- Grade 1 - Literature & Tech - listening to stories and creating a Take a Stand slide on important issues
- Kindergarten - Legos & Literature - Reading stories and responding with Lego construction

Just as important as the weekly lessons are the books that students and teachers check out from our library. This week, after the 2 week break from school, students were especially eager to get books and share their recommendation with others. Hundreds of students were abuzz with excitement to find new books that enrich their lives. From 4th graders excited to check out a book they were reading with their classroom teacher, to a 5th grader whose mother recently passed away using a “how to draw” book for comfort, our school librarians enhance the lives of our school community, help foster a joy of reading, and promote a lifelong love of learning.

I urge you to vote for the S2078 School Libraries Act. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Suzanne Jordan  
Providence resident & East Providence School Librarian