



# Proclamation

*From the Governor of the State of Maryland*

## MARYLAND READING MONTH JANUARY 2026

- WHEREAS,** The State of Maryland observes Maryland Reading Month each January, to recognize the importance of reading, literacy, critical thinking, and lifelong learning as essential to building strong citizens and securing the future of our state; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland Reading Month helps to spark curiosity and creativity, bridge literacy gaps, and foster greater understanding of diverse perspectives, ensuring Marylanders of all backgrounds can access resources that prepare them for success in a global economy; and
- WHEREAS,** Schools, libraries, and organizations across the state play a vital role in the work to uplift communities, address child poverty, and build paths to work, wages, and wealth for Marylanders through promoting reading and literacy – from childhood to adulthood; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland has made historic investments in increasing access to literacy instruction for every student through the adoption of the Science of Reading and the enactment of legislation like the Excellence in Maryland Public Schools Act and Maryland Educator Shortage Reduction Act; and
- WHEREAS,** Maryland has expanded programs that provide free reading materials to children and their families through the Governor's Young Readers Program; and
- WHEREAS,** The State of Maryland remains unwavering in its commitment to building a world-class education system that uplifts the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of every student, ensuring no Marylander is left behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim JANUARY 2026 as MARYLAND READING MONTH in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 22nd day of January  
Two thousand and twenty-six

  
Governor

Anne Miller

Deputy Governor  
Susan C. Lee

Secretary of State

